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Building Code Opt Out Option Update

May 8, 2018 – On April 19, 2018, the Board of Commissioners signed County Ordinance No. 522, Adoption of Building Codes with Opt-Out Provisions for Residential Structures and Residential Accessory Structures. The new provisions took effect on Monday, April 30, 2018. While property owners and county staff are still navigating the various nuances of this new option, generally, the activity has been robust.

- During the first week of implementation, 39 opt-out applications were received, including 14 single family dwelling construction projects; the balance are for accessory structures and other property improvements.
- The opt-out provision is available only to property owners who are planning to build or improve a residential structure on property in unincorporated Kootenai County (parcels within city limits are not subject to the opt-out provision).
- In order to exercise the opt-out provision, property owners will need to apply for that option. Application forms and fee structure information are available in our Community Development department. Resolution 2018-44, which establishes the current fee structure for land use applications and other Community Development fees, can be found online at <http://www.kcgov.us/departments/planning/devcode.asp>.
- Property owners who apply to opt out will still be required to meet State of Idaho requirements for electrical, plumbing, & mechanical permits. Panhandle Health District and Fire District requirements will still apply, as well.
- For additional information regarding this change, please visit the County website at <http://www.kcgov.us/departments/boardcommish/> or contact our Community Development department at kcpz@kcgov.us or by phone at (208) 446-1070.

We thank you for your interest in this important topic.

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