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INTERPRETATION NO. 19-001
Interpretation regarding remodeling, alterations, and/or repairs to
a nonconforming structure

1. Scope

The Chelan County Code Chapter 11.97 addresses structures within the County that have been rendered nonconforming due to the adoption of Title 11 Zoning. It is intended under this Chapter that those nonconforming structures may be continued and maintained in reasonable repair. Repair should be limited to making a structure more livable than it was; to replace or restore what is broken.

2. Definitions

Repair: to restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken. (Merriam-Webster).

Remodel: to alter the structure of: remake. (Merriam-Webster).

Alter: to make different without changing into something else. (Merriam-Webster).

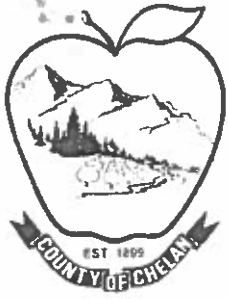
3. Purpose

The purpose behind this procedure is to guide staff in how to apply the nonconforming structures code to buildings being repaired, remodeled, and/or altered. The intent being that a nonconforming structure can remain in a livable and good condition without increasing the nonconforming impacts to the subject property.

4. Procedure

In order to develop consistency in our review of nonconforming structures we will:

1. Require a complete site plan and building plans that show all setbacks for the existing structure and any proposed changes showing that the structure would not increase its nonconformity.
2. Require documentation to show how the structure is in disrepair, damaged, or broken. This may include documentation from an appropriate professional that the proposed alteration would be to repair the structure as defined by Merriam-Webster.
3. Materials will be reviewed by the code official or designee to make a determination if the proposed remodeling, alterations, or repairs complies with the Chelan County Code Section 11.97.015(2).



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Approved by:

Dave Kuhl
Director of Community Development

Effective Date

I have received, read, and understand that it is my responsibility comply with Interpretation NO. 2019-001, of which has been provided to me.

Employee's Signature

Date

Employee's Name (Print)