



City of Yelm
EST. 1924
WASHINGTON

Critical Area Exception

When Required. A critical area exception is required to waive the standards of the critical areas code.

Apply for this permit online [here](#). When entering your application information under Quasi-Judicial Permits choose the following:

Permit type: Critical Area Exception

Criteria for Approval

1. The strict application of the critical areas code would deny all reasonable economic use of the subject property;
2. The exception request meets the exception and reasonable use criteria as listed in YMC 18.11.060.

Required Documents

The documents listed below are the minimum necessary to proceed with the application process.

- Site plan drawing or drawings at a scale of not less than one inch for each 50 feet
- Mailing labels for all property owners within 300 ft of the site
- Potential requirements
 - Pocket gopher report
 - Critical areas report
 - Trip generation report (if generating over 25 new pm peak hour trips)
 - Architectural renderings showing building façades
 - Preliminary stormwater report
 - Wetland delineation (if wetlands are on the property)
- SEPA checklist Additional information on required documents can be found [here](#)

For assistance with electronic plan submittals, refer to [requirements](#) for electronic plans

Fees and Timelines

\$125

8-12 weeks (If more information is required, more time may be needed)