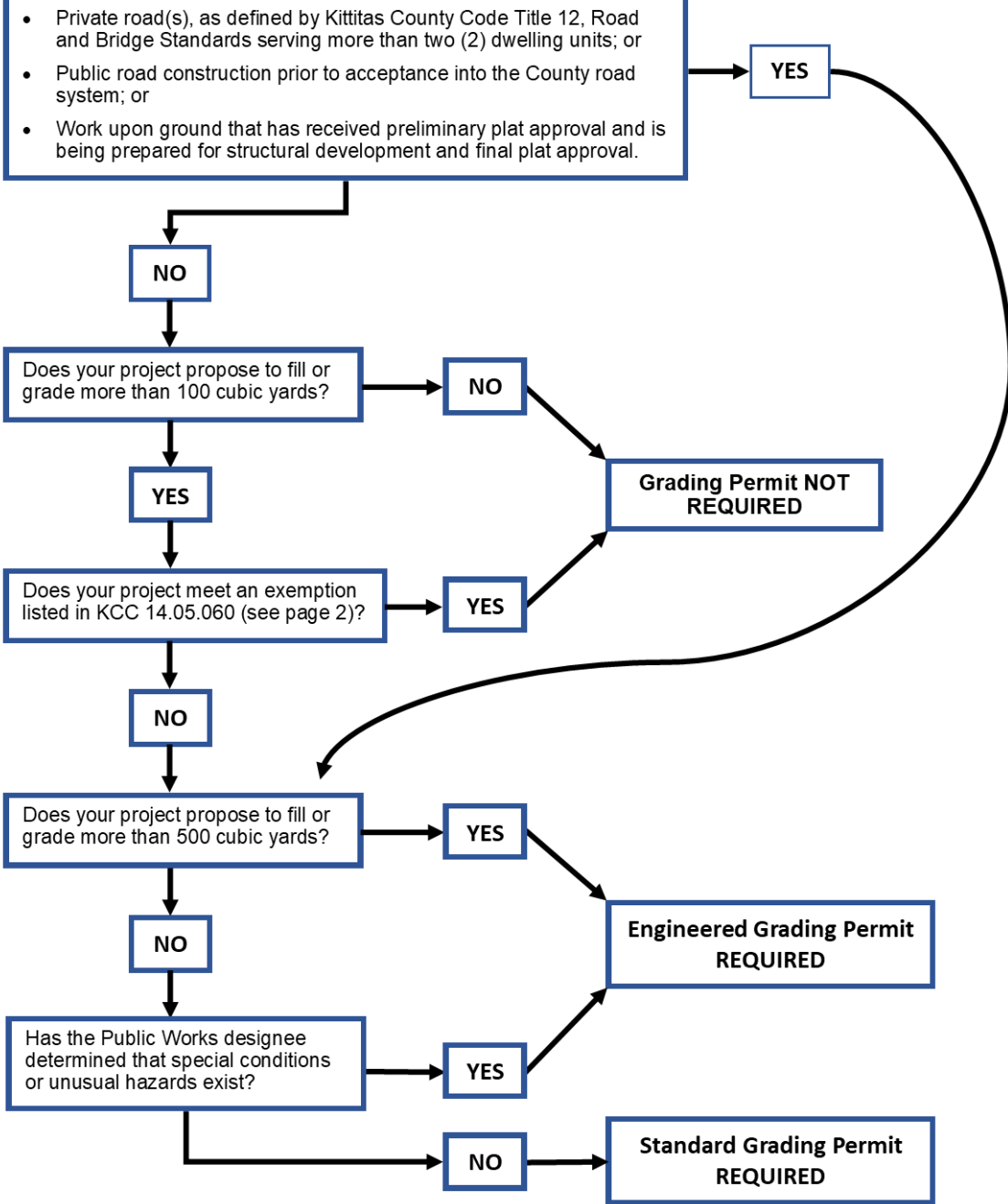


KITTTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Clearing and Grading Ordinance Exemption Flowchart

For specific applicability requirements, refer to KCC 14.05.050 and 14.05.060
is your project listed in KCC 14.05.050.



14.05.060 Exemptions.

A grading permit shall not be required for the following:

1. Excavation below finished grade for basements and footings of a building, retaining wall or other structure authorized by a valid building permit. This shall not exempt any fill made with the material from such excavation or exempt any excavation resulting in soil or rock having an exposed, unsupported height greater than five feet after the completion of such structure;
2. Cemetery graves;
3. Refuse disposal sites controlled by other regulations;
4. Excavations for wells, or trenches of utilities;
5. Mining, quarrying, excavating, processing or stockpiling rock, sand, gravel, aggregate or clay controlled by state regulations that address grading and excavating through geotechnical surveys, inspections, and restoration plans, provided such operations do not affect the lateral support of, or significantly increase stresses in soil on adjoining or contiguous properties;
6. Exploratory excavations performed under the direction of a registered design professional, County Engineer or Public Works designee.
7. An excavation that (a) is less than two (2) feet in depth, or (b) does not create a cut slope greater than 5 feet in height and steeper than one (1) unit vertical in two (2) units horizontal;
8. A fill less than one foot in depth and placed on natural terrain with a slope flatter than one (1) unit vertical in five (5) units horizontal;
9. Soil test holes and on-site sewage system installation done under the provisions of an on-site sewage disposal permit application;
10. Grading of County roads with Kittitas County Public Works oversight, including roads, bridges and municipal construction, which is designed to County, WSDOT, APWA or FHWA standards and specification where such grading is subject to review and approval of a local government agency or a State or Federal agency;
11. Public facility, road construction, and driveway construction built by a licensed grading contractor with Kittitas County Public Works oversight. There is no exception for work in geologically unstable areas.
12. Construction activities performed by a state or federal agency with oversight of a licensed civil or geotechnical engineer.
13. Highway construction and maintenance administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation;
14. Routine road maintenance within the established footprint of an existing road;
15. Agricultural or horticultural activities as defined in KCC 14.05.040 (1). An activity ceases to be agricultural or horticultural when the area on which it was conducted has been converted to a nonagricultural use. Farm access roads will be required to upgrade to private or public road standards prior to utilization within a land development. At that time, review under the conformance with this Chapter will be required;
16. Non-conversion Forest Practice Permits administered by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Exception from the permit requirements of this Chapter shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.