

## **ELEVATOR VARIANCE APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- \$56.90 Variance Request Processing Fee per conveyance for a variance not requiring a site visit. (All supporting documentation must accompany the request.)
- \$171.20 Variance Request Processing Fee per conveyance for a variance that requires a site visit. An additional fee may be invoiced after the site visit if the visit takes longer than 2 hours. (There is an additional fee of \$56.90 per hour for each hour in addition to 2 hours.)
- A check for the appropriate amount must accompany your request.
- All fees must be paid in full prior to the issuance of the variance.

### **PLEASE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS FOR PROCESSING**

#### **What is a variance?**

A variance is an allowable deviation from specific requirements of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-96 and other codes that have been adopted by the elevator department where the proposed alternate methods will maintain equivalent safety.

#### **What won't a variance do?**

A variance will not avoid compliance with the intention of the section or rule. A variance is not a way to recover from an installation or design error. A variance will not be granted if the alternate method would reduce the safety of the installation or equipment.

#### **What does a variance cover?**

If the variance is granted, it shall be limited to the particular case(s) covered in the application and will NOT be applicable to future installations or equipment (i.e.: the variance shall be job specific/site specific.) The variance may be revoked for cause.

#### **Who may apply for a variance?**

Only the property owner or elevator company, those responsible for compliance with RCW 70.87, may apply for a variance.

## Who grants a variance?

A variance is granted only by the Chief Elevator Inspector upon request, in writing, under the authority of RCW 70.87.110 which states in part: *"the department shall not allow modification or waiver unless equivalent or safer construction is secured in other ways."*

**The variance must be posted in the elevator machine room for the life of the unit.**

## Mail all applications to:

Chief Elevator Inspector  
Department of Labor and Industries  
PO Box 44480  
Olympia, WA 98504-4480

Department of Labor and Industries  
Elevator Section  
PO Box 44480  
Olympia WA 98504-4480  
www.lni.wa.gov/scs/elevators



# ELEVATOR INSTALLATION VARIANCE APPLICATION

**INCLUDE REQUIRED PROCESSING FEE**  
**\$56.90 without a site visit (Include documentation, photos, etc.)**  
**\$171.20 with a site visit (Additional billing may occur)**

Applicant Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact Person	_____
Phone Number	_____ Fax Number _____

Elevator Company	_____
Property Owner	_____
Conveyance Number	_____
Location where variance is requested	_____

Variance requested from	_____
ASME A17.1	_____
And/or WAC 296-96	_____

Which reads as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

Statement of problem:

\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Method Proposal:

\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Proposal continued:

Has the installation been made? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has a correction notice been issued by the department? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please complete the following:	
a. Date of Violation?	
b. Location	
c. Name of inspector who issued correction notice	

Please attach:

1. A diagram or one line drawing, manufacturer's brochure (s), and/or other information to support your application.
2. A copy of the original correction notice, if issued.