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Fire Protection Bureau
Phone: (360) 596-3900

Business Name	The Bellingham at Orchard	***Provider Number***	2779
Address	848 W ORCHARD DR ,	***Approval Status***	Approved
City, State, Zip	Bellingham, WA 98225	***Facility Type***	Residential Care

On 08/17/2026 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

All violations noted during previous related inspection(s) have been corrected.

Owner or Owner's Representative

Signature

Michael Martin, ED

Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Brandon G. Brown
MP 235 SB Interstate 5
Bow WA 98232
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Code Requirement	Statement of Violation

1 Cleaning

Hoods, grease-removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances shall be cleaned at intervals as required by Sections 606.3.3.1 through 606.3.3.3. (IFC 606.3.3 2021)	Corrected

2 Owner's Responsibility

The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. (IFC 701.6 2021)	Facility is unable to provide documentation that the annual fire resistance rated construction material inspection has been completed.

3 Inspection and Maintenance

Opening protectives in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protectives in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protectives and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified. (IFC 705.2 2021)	Corrected

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Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
4 Door Operation	
Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically. (IFC 705.2.4 2021)	Corrected
5 Hangers and Brackets	
Hand-held portable fire extinguishers, not housed in cabinets, shall be installed on the hangers or brackets supplied. Hangers or brackets shall be securely anchored to the mounting surface in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. (IFC 906.7 2021)	Corrected
6 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance	
The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained. (IFC 907.8 2021)	Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual fire alarm system testing. Update: Service was completed on 8/10/2026, facility is waiting for the report.
7 Maintenance	
Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 72. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced. (IFC 915.6 2021 WAC)	Corrected
8 Means of Egress Continuity	
The path of egress travel along a means of egress shall not be interrupted by any building element other than a means of egress component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel. (IFC 1003.6 2021)	Corrected

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9 Lock and Latches	
Locks and latches shall be permitted to prevent operation of doors where any of the following exists: 1. Places of detention or restraint. 2. In buildings in occupancy Group A having an occupant load of 300 or less, Groups B, F, M, and S, and in places of religious worship, the main door or doors are permitted to be equipped with key-operated locking devices from the egress side provided: 2.1. The locking device is readily distinguishable as locked; 2.2. A readily visible sign is posted on the egress side on or adjacent to the door stating: THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED. The sign shall be in letters 1 inch (25 mm) high on a contrasting background; and 2.3. The use of the key-operated locking device is revocable by the building official for due cause. 3. Where egress doors are used in pairs, approved automatic flush bolts shall be permitted to be used, provided that the door leaf having the automatic flush bolts has no doorknob or surface-mounted hardware. 4. Doors from individual dwelling or sleeping units of Group R occupancies having an occupant load of 10 or less are permitted to be equipped with a night latch, dead bolt, or security chain, provided such devices are openable from the inside without the use of a key or a tool. 5. Fire doors after the minimum elevated temperature has disabled the unlatching mechanism in accordance with listed fire door test procedures. 6. Doors serving roofs not intended to be occupied shall be permitted to be locked preventing entry to the building from the roof. 7. Approved, listed locks without delayed egress shall be permitted in Group I-1 condition 2 assisted living facilities licensed under chapter 388-78A WAC and Group I-1 Condition 2 residential treatment facilities licensed under chapter 246-337 WAC by the state of Washington, provided that: 7.1. The clinical needs of one or more patients require specialized security measures for their safety. 7.2. The doors unlock upon actuation of the automatic sprinkler system or automatic fire detection system.	The code to open the emergency exit door to the lobby has been removed since the last visit.

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7.3. The doors unlock upon loss of electrical power controlling the lock or lock mechanism. 7.4. The lock shall be capable of being deactivated by a signal from a switch located in an approved location. 7.5. There is a system, such as a keypad and code, in place that allows visitors, staff persons and appropriate residents to exit. Instructions for exiting shall be posted within six feet of the door. 8. Other than egress courts, where occupants must egress from an exterior space through the building for means of egress, exit access doors shall be permitted to be equipped with an approved locking device where installed and operated in accordance with all of the following: 8.1. The occupant load of the occupied exterior area shall not exceed 300 as determined by IBC Section 1004. 8.2. The maximum occupant load shall be posted where required by Section 1004.9. Such sign shall be permanently affixed inside the building and shall be posted in a conspicuous space near all the exit access doorways. 8.3. A weatherproof telephone or two-way communication system installed in accordance with Sections 1009.8.1 and 1009.8.2 shall be located adjacent to not less than one required exit access door on the exterior side. 8.4. The egress door locking device is readily distinguishable as locked and shall be a key-operated locking device. 8.5. A clear window or glazed door opening, not less than 5 square feet (0.46 m2) sq. ft. in area, shall be provided at each exit access door to determine if there are occupants using the outdoor area. 8.6. A readily visible durable sign shall be posted on the interior side on or adjacent to each locked required exit access door serving the exterior area stating: THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN THE OUTDOOR AREA IS OCCUPIED. The letters on the sign shall be not less than 1 inch high on a contrasting background. 9. Locking devices are permitted on doors to balconies, decks, or other exterior spaces serving individual dwelling or sleeping units. 10. Locking devices are permitted on doors to balconies,	

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decks, or other exterior spaces of 250 square feet or less, serving a private office space.oor. (IFC 1010.2.4 2021 WAC 51-54A)	

10 Exit Signs - Where Required

Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress travel is not immediately visible to the occupants. Intervening means of egress doors within exits shall be marked by exit signs. Exit sign placement shall be such that any point in an exit access corridor or exit passageway is within 100 feet (30 480 mm) or the listed viewing distance of the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign. Exceptions: 1. Exit signs are not required in rooms or areas that require only one exit or exit access. 2. Main exterior exit doors or gates that are obviously and clearly identifiable as exits need not have exit signs where approved by the fire code official. 3. Exit signs are not required in occupancies in Group U and individual sleeping units or dwelling units in Group R-1, R-2 or R-3. 4. Exit signs are not required in dayrooms, sleeping rooms or dormitories in occupancies in Group I-3. 5. In occupancies in Groups A-4 and A-5, exit signs are not required on the seating side of vomitories or openings into seating areas where exit signs are provided in the concourse that are readily apparent from the vomitories. Egress lighting is provided to identify each vomitory or opening within the seating area in an emergency. (IFC 1013.1 2021)	Corrected

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11 Activation Test

Emergency lighting equipment shall be tested monthly for a duration of not less than 30 seconds. The test shall be performed manually or by an automated self-testing and self-diagnostic routine. Where testing is performed by self-testing and self-diagnostics, a visual inspection of the emergency lighting equipment shall be conducted monthly to identify any equipment displaying a trouble indicator or that has become damaged or otherwise impaired. (IFC 1032.10.1 2021)	Corrected

12 Maintenance

Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required. (IFC 1203.4 2021)	Corrected

13 Fire Drills

In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state and inspected by the state fire marshal's office, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year. (1) Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift in Group I and Group R2, Occupancies and monthly in Group E Occupancies to familiarize personnel with signals and emergency action required under varied conditions. (2) A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection. (3) When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms.	Corrected

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Next inspection scheduled on or after: 09/10/2026

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1 Cleaning

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2 Owner's Responsibility

The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. (IFC 701.6 2021)	Facility is unable to provide documentation that the annual fire resistance rated construction material inspection has been completed.

3 Inspection and Maintenance

Opening protectives in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protectives in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protectives and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified. (IFC 705.2 2021)	1. The following resident room fire door that opens to the corridor was blocked open using various items, preventing it from closing and latching: a. B21 b. B29 c. B19 d. B15

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4 Door Operation	
Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically. (IFC 705.2.4 2021)	The following doors would not close and latch from a fully open position: a. Fire door near B1 had cardbard under the door. b. Fire door near B7 had cardbard under the door. c. Fire door near B15 had cardbard under the door. d. Fire door near Bestro had cardbard under the door. e. Three Fire doors in the center hallway had cardbard under the door. f. Fire door near S17 had cardbard under the door. g. Fire door near S8 had cardbard under the door. h. Fire door near the kitchen had cardbard under the door.
5 Hangers and Brackets	
Hand-held portable fire extinguishers, not housed in cabinets, shall be installed on the hangers or brackets supplied. Hangers or brackets shall be securely anchored to the mounting surface in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. (IFC 906.7 2021)	Fire Extinguisher in the kitchen was not mounted in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
6 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance	
The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained. (IFC 907.8 2021)	1. Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual fire alarm system testing. 2. Facility is unable to provide documentation for the monthly single station smoke alarm testing.
7 Maintenance	
Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 72. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced. (IFC 915.6 2021 WAC)	Facility is unable to provide documentation for the monthly carbon monoxide detector testing.

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8 Means of Egress Continuity	
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10 Activation Test	
Emergency lighting equipment shall be tested monthly for a duration of not less than 30 seconds. The test shall be performed manually or by an automated self-testing and self-diagnostic routine. Where testing is performed by self-testing and self-diagnostics, a visual inspection of the emergency lighting equipment shall be conducted monthly to identify any equipment displaying a trouble indicator or that has become damaged or otherwise impaired. (IFC 1032.10.1 2021)	Facility is unable to provide documentation for the monthly 30 second activation test for the emergency lights.
11 Maintenance	
Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required. (IFC 1203.4 2021)	The facility has a temporary generator rental installed. The generator has not received the annual servicing, monthly testing, or week inspections.
12 Fire Drills	
In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state and inspected by the state fire marshal's office, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year. (1) Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift in Group I and Group R2, Occupancies and monthly in Group E Occupancies to familiarize personnel with signals and emergency action required under varied conditions. (2) A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection. (3) When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms.	Facility cannot provide documentation for the completion of twelve planned and unannounced fire drills in the previous 12 months. The following Drills are missing. 1st Shift - Quarter 1 and 2 2nd Shift - Quarter 1 and 2 3rd Shift - Quarter 1 and 2

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