

18.27.090 Exemptions. This chapter shall not apply to:

1. An authorized representative of the United States government, the State of Washington, or any incorporated city, town, county, township, irrigation district, reclamation district, or other municipal or political corporation or subdivision of this state;
2. Officers of a court when they are acting within the scope of their office;
3. Public utilities operating under the regulations of the utilities and transportation commission in construction, maintenance, or development work incidental to their own business;
4. Any construction, repair, or operation incidental to the discovering or producing of petroleum or gas, or the drilling, testing, abandoning, or other operation of any petroleum or gas well or any surface or underground mine or mineral deposit when performed by an owner or lessee;
5. The sale or installation of any finished products, materials, or articles of merchandise which are not actually fabricated into and do not become a permanent fixed part of a structure;
6. Any construction, alteration, improvement, or repair of personal property, except this chapter shall apply to all mobile/manufactured housing. A mobile/manufactured home may be installed, set up, or repaired by the registered or legal owner, by a contractor licensed under this chapter, or by a mobile/manufactured home retail dealer or manufacturer licensed under chapter 46.70. RCW;
7. Any construction, alteration, improvement, or repair carried on within the limits and boundaries of any site or reservation under the legal jurisdiction of the federal government;
8. Any person who only furnished materials, supplies, or equipment without fabricating them into, or consuming them in the performance of, the work of the contractor;
9. Any work or operation on one undertaking or project by one or more contracts, the aggregate contract price of which for labor and materials and all other items less than \$500, such work, or operations being considered as of a casual, minor, or inconsequential nature. The exemption prescribed in this subsection does not apply in any instance wherein the work or construction is only a part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or in which a division of the operation is made into contracts of amounts less than \$500 for the purpose of evasion of this chapter or otherwise. The exemption prescribed in this subsection does not apply to a person who advertises or puts out any sign or card or other device which might indicate to the public that he is a contractor, or that he is qualified to engage in the business of contractor;
10. Any construction or operation incidental to the construction and repair of irrigation and drainage ditches of regularly constituted irrigation districts or reclamation districts; or to farming dairying, agriculture, viticulture, horticulture, or stock or poultry raising; or to clearing or other work upon land in rural districts for fire prevention purposes; except when any of the above work is performed by a registered contractor;
11. An owner who contracts for a project with a registered contractor;
12. Any person working on his own property, whether occupied by him or not, and any person working on his residence, whether owned by him or not but this exemption shall not apply to any person otherwise covered by this chapter who constructs an improvement on his own property with the intention and for the purpose of selling the improved property;
13. Owners of commercial properties who use their own employees to do maintenance, repair, and alteration work in or upon their own properties;
14. A licensed architect or civil or professional engineer acting solely in his professional capacity, an electrician licensed under the laws of the State of Washington, or a plumber licensed under the laws of the State of Washington while operating within the boundaries of such political subdivision. The exemption provided in this subsection is applicable only when the licensee is operating within the scope of his license;
15. Any person who engages in the activities herein regulated as an employee of a registered contractor with wages as his sole compensation;
16. Contractors on highway projects who have been pre-qualified as required by chapter 13 of the Laws of 1961, RCW 47.28.070 with the Department of Transportation to perform highway construction, reconstruction, or maintenance work.