

**Amendment 1**  
to  
**CB 119996 - SFD 2018 Seattle Fire Code ORD**  
**Sponsor:** CM Herbold  
Technical Correction

Amend Attachment A to Council Bill 119996 as follows:

Inserting a new Point of Information between Fire Code Sections 603.3, Fuel oil storage systems, and 603.3.1, Fuel oil storage in outside, above-ground tanks, as shown in the double underlined language below:

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**603.3 Fuel oil storage systems.** Fuel oil storage systems shall be installed in accordance with this code. Fuel-oil piping systems shall be installed in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

**Point of Information**

Due to the high prevalence of leaking oil storage tanks in Seattle and that because many may be beyond their useful life, posing a hazard to people, property, and the environment, Seattle Fire Department may propose a retroactive code change applying storage tank design standards to storage tanks that are of a specific vintage (e.g., 20 years of age or older) in future editions of the Seattle Fire Code.

**603.3.1 Fuel oil storage in outside, above-ground tanks.** Where connected to a fuel-oil piping system, the maximum amount of fuel oil storage allowed outside above ground without additional protection shall be 660 gallons (2498 L). The storage of fuel oil above ground in quantities exceeding 660 gallons (2498 L) shall comply with NFPA 31.

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**Effect:** This amendment to Attachment A would add an amendment to the 2018 Seattle Fire Code on page 116 in Chapter 6, which was omitted in error. The point of information included on page 116 addresses potential changes to regulations regarding the replacement, removal, or decommissioning of heating oil storage tanks, in accordance with the goals of the Heating Oil Tax ([Ordinance 125934](#)) that was adopted by the Council in September 2019. In July 2020, the Council received a [report](#) from the Executive that evaluated the possibility of enforcing a requirement to replace, remove, or decommission older tanks and other related policy considerations. The report recommended including this point of information in the 2018 Seattle Fire Code as a preview to a possible future requirement.