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## **Comment Period for Seattle's New Construction Standards Expiring Soon**

The City of Seattle has stuck with the same Construction Standards since 2008 ([you can download the current standards in PDF here](#)), and they are poised to publish a new edition in the early part of 2011. What will these new standards look like? That, for the time being, has not yet been completely determined.

You can take a look at the [draft specifications on the city's website](#). The specifications are in a comment period until November 19, 2010, when it will close. If you have a comment you can use the Comment Form on their website, or send an email to [CityStandardsEngineer@Seattle.gov](mailto:CityStandardsEngineer@Seattle.gov).

How is the proposed 2011 standards different from the current version?

The [Ahlers & Cressman Construction Law Blog](#) summarizes the changes as “following the trend of many public works owners...in transferring more risk to the contractor and away from the public works owner.” Make your comments while there is still time, and we'll see how it turns out.