

# LEWIS COUNTY CHAPTER OF OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS



## OMB Working On Your Behalf To Maintain Affordable Housing in Lewis County



OMB, in coordination with members from the OMB Lewis County Chapter, worked hard to prevent an ordinance in the city of Chehalis that would require fire sprinklers in single family homes and duplexes. This will save upwards of \$7,000 on the cost of new construction.

Jason Gano, OMB Government Affairs Director, testified before the council explaining that data shows that fire deaths have continued to decline without state-mandated sprinkler systems in new homes. He added that approaches, including smoke alarms, fire escape plans and general

education, have proven to be just as useful in preventing loss of life.

“The cost to home buyers is much more than just the price of materials and labor. Factors such as taxes, permits, inspections, as well as water hookup fees, can add thousands of dollars to the

customer’s cost of the system,” Gano said. “The cost to install sprinkler systems in the area is between \$2,000 and \$7,000, which would substantially affect the number of households in the area that qualify for a mortgage.”

In Washington State, the median home price

is \$522,023, requiring a minimum income of \$112,295 just to qualify for a mortgage. At this price point, more than 72% of Washington’s roughly 3 million households are priced out already. And for every \$1,000 in additional costs, 2,524 more households are unable to qualify for a new mortgage.

## It’s National Home Remodeling Month

### The Benefits of Hiring a Professional Remodeler

After spending more time at home this year, you may be ready to give your dwelling a refresh. A remodel can modernize your home and add more value. Before you start a project, big or small, consider finding and hiring a professional remodeler. Working with an expert has many benefits. A remodeler can provide a wealth of experience, professional integrity and solve any design challenges you may encounter during your project.

providing warranties and more. A professional remodeler will be able to provide you with a copy of their business license, as well as show proof of their workers’ compensation and liability insurance. This will protect yourself from liability in situations involving job site injuries or property damage resulting from the work being done on your home. Better business management means better service for homeowners because they can rely on the remodeler to perform with integrity.

### Experience on the Jobsite

Do you know what to expect when you remove a wall? How will you dispose of the old materials? Exactly how much new material are you going to need? What is the precise sequence of steps to finish the job? Professional remodelers understand all the intricacies of the project and can provide you with a project timeline. Plus, many contractors have specialized knowledge and contacts to get the best prices on materials and labor. As a trained expert, a remodeler has a firm grasp of the requirements to meet city ordinances, regulations and permits.

### Customizing to Fit Your Needs

Home remodeling frequently involves problem solving, such as maximizing existing space, strategically building additions or navigating limited budgets. Professional remodelers can help homeowners manage such challenges and meet their needs while staying within the budget. Proper training and invaluable experience help remodelers identify the various options and solutions to satisfy their customers.

If your goal is a well-executed project, then your best bet is to hire a professional remodeler. By investing in their expertise now, you will get to enjoy the tangible benefits of high-quality craftsmanship for many years to come.

To find a qualified remodeler in Lewis County, visit: <https://business.omb.org/list>

### Business Management and Integrity

A large component of being a professional remodeler is maintaining a reputable business. This includes integrating best practices, writing clear contracts, having insurance,



## The BIG Home & Garden Show in Olympia is back for 2021!

New date and new location! This year’s celebrated show will be held on September 11th and 12th at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Registration for new vendors is now open. With over 2500 attendees, this is the perfect way to get your business in front of the community and show off what you have to offer. Visit [OMB.org](http://OMB.org) to register online.

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