



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
3906-172nd St NE, Suite #100, Arlington, WA 98223

UNICARE HOMES INC
ORCHARD PARK ASSISTED LIVING
844 W ORCHARD DRIVE
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

RE: ORCHARD PARK ASSISTED LIVING License # 1350

Dear Administrator:

This letter addresses Compliance Determination(s) 59670 (Completion Date 05/15/2025) and 56276 (Completion Date 03/13/2025).

The Department completed a follow-up inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 05/15/2025 and found no deficiencies. Your facility meets the Assisted Living Facility licensing requirements.

The Department found that deficiencies for the following licensing laws and regulations were corrected:
WAC 388-78A-2040-2

The Department staff who did the on-site verification:
Helen Fisher, Complaint Investigator

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360)651-6846.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Ripley, Field Manager
Region 2, Unit A
Residential Care Services



Residential Care Services Investigation Summary Report

Provider/Facility: ORCHARD PARK
ASSISTED LIVING

License/Cert.#: 1350

Compliance Determination #: 56276

Investigator: Helen Fisher

Investigation Date(s): 03/13/2025 through 03/13/2025

Complainant Contact Date(s):

Provider Type: Assisted Living Facility

Intake ID: 169523

Region/Unit #: RCS Region 2 / Unit A

Allegation(s):

The Assisted Living Facility (ALF) failed their third Fire and Life Safety Inspection.

Investigation Methods:

Sample: Total residents: 66
Resident sample size: 0
Closed records sample size: 0

Observations: Environment.

Interviews: Fire Marshal.
Executive Director.

Record Reviews: Fire inspection.

Investigation Summary:

The ALF failed to correct one Fire and Life Safety violations during the third annual inspection. A citation was written for noncompliance with Washington Administrative Code 388-78A-2040 (2) Other requirements.

Conclusion / Action:

- Failed Provider Practice Identified / Citation(s) Written
- Failed Provider Practice Not Identified / No Citation Written
- N/A



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Statement of Deficiencies	License #: 1350	Compliance Determination # 56276
Plan of Correction	ORCHARD PARK ASSISTED LIVING	Completion Date
Page 1 of 3	Licensee: UNICARE HOMES INC	03/13/2025

You are required to be in compliance at all times with all licensing laws and regulations to maintain your Assisted Living Facility license.

The department completed data collection for an unannounced on-site complaint investigation on 03/13/2025 of:

ORCHARD PARK ASSISTED LIVING
844 W ORCHARD DRIVE
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

This document references the following complaint number(s): 169523

The following sample was selected for review during the unannounced on-site visit: 0 of 66 current residents and 0 former residents.

The department staff that investigated the Assisted Living Facility:

Helen Fisher, Complaint Investigator

From:
DSHS, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Residential Care Services, Region 2 , Unit A
3906-172nd St NE, Suite #100
Arlington, WA 98223

As a result of the on-site visit(s), the department found that you are not in compliance with the licensing laws and regulations as stated in the cited deficiencies in the enclosed report.

Residential Care Services	Date
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I understand that to maintain an Assisted Living Facility license, the facility must be in compliance with all the licensing laws and regulations at all times.

Administrator (or Representative)	Date
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WAC 388-78A-2040 Other requirements.

(2) The assisted living facility must have its building approved by the Washington state fire marshal in order to be licensed.

This requirement was not met as evidenced by:

Based on interviews and record review, the Assisted Living Facility (ALF) failed to ensure the violation for 3 of 3 Fire and Life Safety annual inspections (09/17/2024, 12/24/2024 and 02/20/2025) was corrected. This failure resulted in the ALF being out of compliance with the Washington State Fire Marshal and placed all 66 residents at risk of harm in the event of a fire.

Findings included...

Review of the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau report dated 12/24/2024, showed the ALF was not in compliance with the International Fire Codes (IFC) for two items. During the Deputy State Fire Marshal's third visit on 02/20/2025, the following one item had not been corrected:

IFC 912.7 2021 Inspection and Maintenance.

The facility was unable to provide documentation that the Fire Department Connection has been hydrostatically tested in accordance with NFPA 25.

Update: The hydrostatic test has failed. Facility has been working with a vendor and the city of Bellingham to have a lining installed to fire department connection piping.

On 03/13/2025 at 8:34 AM, the Deputy Fire Marshall, stated that the ALF failed the third inspection.

On 03/13/2025 at 10:26 AM, Staff A, Executive Director, stated that they were waiting for a quote to reroute the piping in a different location behind the facility.

Plan/Attestation Statement

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this report and have taken or will take active measures to correct this deficiency. By taking this action, ORCHARD PARK ASSISTED LIVING is or will be in compliance with this law and / or regulation on (Date)_____ .

In addition, I will implement a system to monitor and ensure continued compliance with this requirement.

Administrator (or Representative)

Date