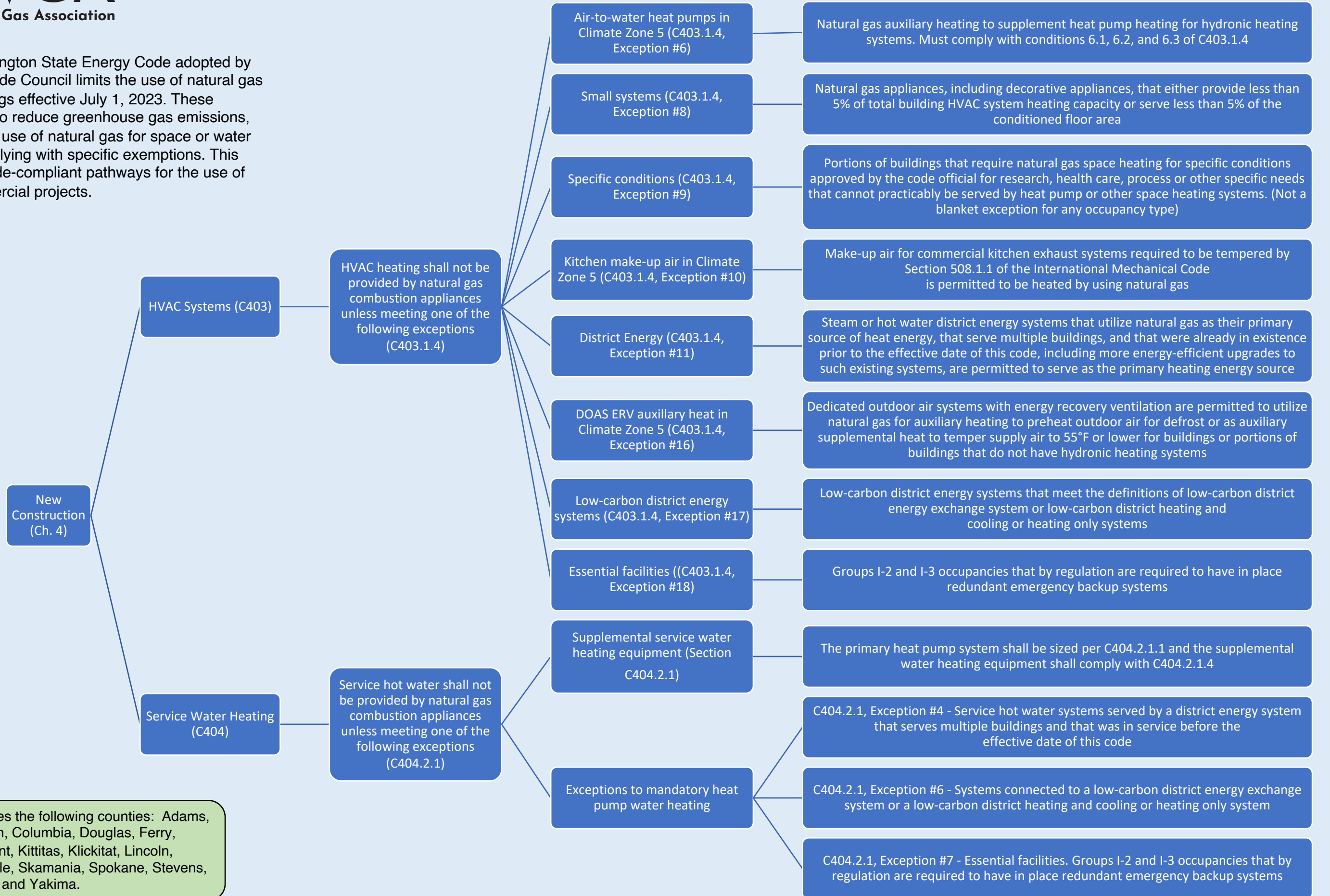


Pathways to Natural Gas in New Commercial Construction

The new 2021 Washington State Energy Code adopted by the State Building Code Council limits the use of natural gas in commercial buildings effective July 1, 2023. These limitations, intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, generally prohibit the use of natural gas for space or water heating, unless complying with specific exemptions. This flowchart outlines code-compliant pathways for the use of natural gas in commercial projects.



Climate Zone 5 includes the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima.