

## Service Announcement

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**TO:** WaTech Telephony Customers

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**SUBJECT:** Area Code Overlay (564)

A new area code (564) is being added to western Washington in 2017. Additional details are included in the attached announcement.

According to the current plan, the new area code will be in place in August, 2017. Affected users are encouraged to begin local 10-digit dialing (area code + seven digit local telephone number) beginning January 28, 2017 to prepare for this transition. This transition period will allow for both seven and 10 digit local dialing through July 29, 2017.

The 564 area code is being added to relieve the exhaustion of telephone numbers in Washington. The 564 area code will initially be used in the areas served by the 360 area code to allow for the addition of new telephone numbers. The 564 area code will also be assigned to numbers in the areas served by the 206, 253, and 425 area codes in the future as necessary.

The addition of the new area code will require telephone users in the 206, 253, 360, and 425 area codes to dial 10 digits to place local calls.

Telephone users in area codes 206, 253, 360, and 425 will no longer be able to use seven digit dialing when placing local calls after July 28, 2017. Users of phone systems with short dialing (four or five digit) to other system users can continue to use short dialing after this change takes place.



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