



ALTERNATE MEANS REVIEW APPLICATION

Fire Marshal's Office

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FIRE MARSHAL'S APPLICATION for the Use of ALTERNATIVE MATERIAL, ASSEMBLY, EQUIPMENT, METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION OR PROTECTION

The provisions of the code are not intended to prevent the use of any material, alternate design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by the code, provided an alternate has been approved and its use is authorized by the County.

The Fire Marshal and/or Building Official may approve any such alternate, provided it is found that:

- 1) the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of the code, and
- 2) the proposed material, design or method is at least equivalent to the code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety, and meets the intent of the code.

Submittal shall include but not be limited to the following: A completed Alternate Means Permit Application, two (2) sets of backup material to support the justification statement in the request and fees (minimum two (2) hour charge).

Each address or building shall require a **separate** submittal.

The following information is required in order to process your application:

The undersigned hereby requests approval of the following:

Under the authority of: 2010 CFC Section 104.9 2010 CBC Section 104.11 2010 CMC Section 1.11.2.4
 2010 CEC Article 89.111.2.4 2010 CPC Section 1.11.2.4

ASSOCIATED PC#: _____ **ASSOCIATED FILE #:** _____

Applicant's Name: _____ **Business Name:** _____

Signature (required): _____ **Address:** _____

Telephone(s): _____ **Cell Phone or E-mail:** _____ **Fax:** _____

SITE/JOB LOCATION

Project Name: _____ **APN:** _____ - _____ - _____

Project Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Cross Street: _____ **Bldg. Name:** _____ **Bldg #:** _____

Describe Use: _____

REQUEST

Subject of Alternative: _____

Code Requirement: _____

(Specify applicable code, edition and section(s))

Alternate Proposed: _____

JUSTIFICATION

Attach documentation providing sufficient evidence to substantiate your claim of equivalency. Please be thorough.

<u>ACTION BY OFFICE:</u>		OFFICE USE ONLY	
Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny	FMO PLAN CHECK NO.: _____
Fire Marshal	_____	Date	_____
BIO/LDE	_____	Date	_____
Fees:	Amount Paid: _____	Register Invoice#: _____	Date Paid: _____ 7/5/11REV

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FIRE MARSHAL'S APPLICATION for the USE of ALTERNATE MATERIAL, DESIGN or METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

The provisions of the code are not intended to prevent the use of any material, alternate design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by the code, provided an alternate has been approved and its use is authorized by the Fire Marshal and in some cases the Building Official as well.

The Fire Marshal may approve any such alternate, provided it is found that:

- 1) the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of the code, and
- 2) the proposed material, design or method is at least equivalent to the code in suitability, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety and sanitation, and
- 3) sufficient evidence is submitted to substantiate any claim regarding its use. **NOTE:** it is *highly* recommended that qualified or licensed personnel be involved to facilitate a successful submittal.

SUBMITTAL PACKAGE CHECK-OFF LIST:

- _____ Application For The Use Of Alternate Material, Design Or Method Of Construction Form (*attached*). There is no need to submit this page – it is for your use only.
- _____ Adequate back-up material to support the justification statement in the request. **Please submit two copies.**
- _____ Alternate Means Fee. Fee may be made in cash or by check made payable to Santa Clara County only. See Fire Marshal fee charts (*downloadable from <http://firemarshal.sccgov.org>*). Additional fees may be required if review time exceeds two hours.
- _____ Submittal should be made directly to the Fire Marshal's Office; 70 W. Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th floor, San Jose, CA 95110; Phone: (408) 299-5760.