

County of Santa Clara

Department of Planning and Development

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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, detailed narrative demonstrating the equivalency to the subject code provision to support the justification statement in the request and fees (minimum two (2) hour charge). Submit Alternate Means and Method package to the InSite Public Portal. 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: ☐ 2022 CFC Section 104.10 ☐ 2022 CBC Section 104.11 ☐ 2022 CMC Section 1.11.2.4
☐ 2022 CEC Article 89.111.2.4 ☐ 2022 CPC Section 1.11.2.4

ASSOCIATED BUILDING PERMIT OR FIRE PERMIT #: _____

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.

ACTION BY OFFICE:

Recommendation: ☐ Approved

☐ Deny

FMO PLAN CHECK NO.: _____

Fire Marshal _____ Date _____

BIO/LDE _____ Date _____

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- 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.
- _____ Alternate Means Fee. For fee chart visit: <https://plandev.santaclaracounty.gov/fees>
Additional fees will apply if review time exceeds two hours.
- _____ Submittal should be made directly to the Public Permit Portal: <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SCCGOV/Default.aspx>
Additional information, i.e., naming conventions and digital requirements, can be found at the following link: <https://plandev.santaclaracounty.gov/fire-permits>. If you have any issues or concerns, please reach out to the Permit Center at [\(408\) 299-5700](tel:4082995700) or E-Permits@pln.sccgov.org.