



# City of Placerville

Development Services Department  
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Building Division – Phone: (530) 642-5240

## Alternate Materials, Design or Methods of Construction Request

The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the Building Official finds that the proposed alternative meets all of the following:

1. The alternative material, design or method of construction is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code.
2. The material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code as it pertains to the following:

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| ■ Quality       | ■ Fire Resistance |
| ■ Strength      | ■ Durability      |
| ■ Effectiveness | ■ Safety          |

Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from approved sources. Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code, or evidence that a material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods, the Building Official shall have the authority to require tests as evidence of compliance to be made without expense to the jurisdiction. Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the Building Official shall approve the testing procedures. Tests shall be performed by an approved agency. Reports of such tests shall be retained by the building official for the period required for retention of public records.

### PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE

☐ Materials   ☐ Design   ☐ Method of Construction

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not approved, the building official shall respond in writing, stating the reasons why the alternative was not approved.

## REQUIREMENTS

Sufficient evidence or proof must be submitted to substantiate any claims regarding the sufficiency of any proposed material or methods of construction. Testing must be done by a recognized institution or by existing test reports from recognized agencies such as but not limited to ICC (ES reports), UL, ASTM, etc. The permit for the project must be active at the time of any approval, however you may submit the request at the time of your permit application.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**Project Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requester Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Alternate Request:** ☐ **Approved** ☐ **Denied**

**Building Official:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The decision is specific to this project and is not transferable.**