



Planning, Building and
Code Enforcement

Alternate Design, Material or Construction Method Application

This form enables requests for alternate design, materials, and methods of construction and interpretations to the Uniform Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and National Electrical codes. Please read the **Conditions of Approval** on page 2 before completing the application. Note: The Chief Building Official may require the applicant to hire a consultant to perform tests, conduct research and analysis, and submit an evaluation report for the Building Division's consideration.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete and sign the form. Attach a sheet if you need more space for your information.
- Provide a separate application for each proposed alternative.
- For fee information, see the Building Fee Schedule at www.sanjoseca.gov/BuildingFees.

Use this computer-fillable form found at www.sanjoseca.gov/BuildingBulletins or print clearly using ink.

Under the authority of the California Building Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, and Electrical Code, the undersigned requests approval of alternate materials, alternate design and methods of construction for:

PROJECT NAME:

PROJECT ADDRESS:

PLAN CHECK #:

OF STORIES:

FLOOR AREA sf:

SPRINKLERS: YES NO

TENANT AREA sf:

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:

OCCUPANCY GROUP:

DESCRIBE USE:

SUBJECT OF ALTERNATIVE:

SPECIFY CODE REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY:

ALTERNATE PROPOSED: Briefly describe, even if documents are attached.

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JUSTIFICATION: Briefly describe, even if documents are attached, any reference, test reports, expert opinions, etc.

REQUESTED BY:

● Signature of OWNER	Print Name	Date
● Signature of CONTRACTOR	Print Name	Date
● Signature of ARCHITECT/ENGINEER	Print Name	Date
● WET STAMP & Signature of ARCHITECT/ENGINEER	Phone Number	

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. The application may be approved if sufficient evidence is provided that demonstrates:

- The proposed design complies with the intent of current code provisions and the proposed material or construction method is equivalent to code requirements in Suitability, Strength, Effectiveness, Fire Resistance, Durability, Safety, and Sanitation.
- All features of the approved application, including a copy of the application, must be incorporated into the drawings.
- For proposals that are processed prior to submittal of a full set of plans, only a conceptual approval can be given; a valid approval to proceed with the proposal requires submittal of all construction documents.

Disclaimer. Approval of the proposal for Alternate Design, Material, and Method of Construction is based on the documentation provided at the time of approval. If at any point during the review or inspection process, a City building official notices deviations from the original application, the approval becomes null and void. The applicant will then need to either revert to the original proposal or file a new application based on revised plans.

INTERNAL USE ONLY

FEE PAID: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	RECEIPT #:	ALTERNATE MATERIAL #:	DATE LOGGED:
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FINDINGS:

STAFF Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT RECOMMENDED
SECTION CHIEF Signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL Signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
FIRE CHIEF Signature <i>If applicable</i> :	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED