



City of Aurora Public Works Department

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OR ALTERNATIVE MATERIAL/METHOD

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All Requests for Modification and Alternative Materials/Methods must be clear and complete in order to be accepted for review. It is important that the applicant submitting a request understands that the Building Division cannot waive the requirements of a particular code section, we can only review alternate ways to comply with the code. The cost of complying with the code is not a valid reason for a Request for Modification. The conditions under which the Chief Building Official of the City of Aurora may approve a Modification or Request for Alternative Materials/Method are limited to the provisions within chapter 1 of the International Codes which states:

- **Section 104.10 Modifications:** Where there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the *building official* shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases, upon application of the *owner* or the owner's authorized agent, provided that the *building official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical, the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, *accessibility*, life and fire safety or structural requirements.
- **Section 104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** 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 design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability and safety.

Please provide all of the following information in order to ensure a timely response to your request.

1. Specific Code Section applicable to your request _____
2. Provide a clear description of why compliance with the stated code is impractical or an alternative method or material is preferred. Provide any supporting documentation needed to justify your position. (Note: The costs involved to comply with the code section are not considered as a valid consideration for a request for modifications.)

3. Describe the manner in which you will provide construction that is equal to or greater than what the specific code section requires. Describe how your conditions will meet the intent and purpose of the previously stated code section.

City Project RSN #: _____ Plans Examiner: _____

Job Address _____

Project Name _____ Date Submitted _____

Owner _____

Owner's Address _____

Owner's Phone Number _____ Email _____

Petitioner _____

Petitioners Address _____

Petitioner's Phone Number _____ Email _____

Once you have completed your Request for Modification or Request for Alternative Materials/Method submittal package, simply email it directly to the Plans Examiner you have been working with through the construction document review process. The Building Division will make every effort to complete our evaluation and provide a response back to you as quickly as possible. Please understand that failure to provide all of the requested information listed above will result in automatic denial of your request.

Address your request to:

Mr. Scott Berg, AIA
Chief Building Official
City of Aurora - Building Division
15151 East Alameda Parkway, Ste. 2400
Aurora, CO 80012

BOARD OF APPEALS: The City of Aurora has created a Building Code and Contractors Appeals and Standards Board. Applicants have the right to have the board hear appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of the building code. Any application for appeal to the board shall be based on a claim that the true intent of the code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the building code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS: We are always looking for ways to improve the website and our hand-outs for the Building Division. Please email bdginsp@auroragov.org with your comments and suggestions.

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