



City of Malibu

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Alternate Materials, Design, and Methods of Construction

The City requires a formal request submittal for Building Safety review and approval by the Building Official if you are proposing alternative materials, design, and method of construction per section 104.7.3 of the 2026 County of Los Angeles Building Code. This letter must be stamped and signed by a State of California registered Architect or Engineer, or bear the name, address, and signature of the licensed contractor responsible for the project.

Your request must follow guidelines below:

1. Describe all the elements of the alternative methods, materials of construction and a clear explanation why this request is being submitted.
2. Specify the code provision for which the alternative method is requested.
3. Compare the requested alternative with the code requirements in terms of sustainability, effectiveness, quality, durability, fire resistance, safety, structural strength, and any other impacts affecting the building.
4. Provide all necessary documentation for the evaluation method (testing reports, recognized standards, etc)
5. Specify the verification procedures for field acceptance for code compliance.

An alternate shall be approved on a case-by-case basis where the City finds that the proposed alternate is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code and is at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in planning and design, energy, water, material conservation and resource efficiency, environmental air quality, performance, safety and the protection of life and health.

For questions regarding the requirements, contact the Community Development Department, Building Safety Division at Mbuilding@malibucity.org or 310-456-2489 ext. 390.