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**SANTA ROSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
STANDARD**



**APPLICATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATE
MATERIALS OR METHODS**

PURPOSE

This bulletin is a summary of Fire Department interpretations of City and State Codes and information contained herein applies to typical instances and may not address all circumstances. The Santa Rosa Fire Department has created a process to evaluate the acceptability of alternate methods to achieve code compliance. The purpose of this process is to achieve code compliance through a non-traditional method. **There are no waivers or reductions of code requirements.** We may accept alternate materials or methods provided the proposed design, use or operations satisfactorily complies with the intent of the applicable code and is **equivalent in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety.**

CODE REFERENCES

Santa Rosa City Code, Chapter 18-44
CA Uniform Fire Code Section 103.1.2
CA Uniform Building Code Section 104.2.8

PERMIT(S) REQUIRED

Applicants are required to complete an application, submit documentation and pay a processing fee. The fee is to cover staff time in responding to your request and is collected in advance. The fee is not refunded if the application is rejected.

It is incumbent upon the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to justify a request for alternate materials or methods. As a part of our review, we do not provide research, technical or testing services. Your application will be reviewed using the information you provide to us.

The Santa Rosa Fire Department may require tests and the submission of a test report from an approved testing organization as set forth in Title 19, California Code of Regulations, to substantiate the equivalency of the proposed alternative means of protection.

Inspections shall be scheduled a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Directions for scheduling are found at: <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/news/Pages/AutomatedFireInspectionRequestSystem.aspx>