



Butte County Department of Development Services
7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965
Main Phone (530) 552.3700 Fax (530) 538-7785
www.buttecounty.net/dds

FORM NO
DPC-25

Alternate Materials, Design or Methods of Construction

We have created a form to assist in your request for the use of an alternate material, design or method of construction. The request must be very specific to a construction project or permit number and cannot be used as a “blanket” approval.

Compliance: The codes do allow for approval of alternate method or material, provided the proposed design is satisfactory, complies with the intent of the code and at least the equivalent of the prescribed code in quality, strength, effectiveness, durability, and safety or that methods of the proposed installation conform to nationally recognized standards.

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

The Form: Indicate on the form the subject of your request such as installing a cross-linked polyethylene tube pipe (PEX), alternate venting, alternate structural elements, etc. Include the code requirement you are asking as an alternative. You can specify the code edition and section(s) instead of the entire section itself.

Describe the proposed alternate material or installation method. Include manufacturers name and the industry name of materials being used. Attach a copy of installer certification if required by the manufacturer of the product or by a state agency. Describe the justification(s) for using the alternate material or method proposed such as but not limited to corrosive soil conditions or water issues, stronger or more durable, more energy efficient, a construction restraint, approved products not currently available, etc. Ease of installation or cost only is not an acceptable justification.

Request Review: The request is reviewed and approved or returned with reason(s) not recommended. Be sure all sections of the form are filled in. The details of any action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the Building Department files. Please include a contact phone number for any issue that may arise. The approved form is placed with the building inspector’s inspection jacket. You may obtain a copy of the approved form from our website www.buttecounty.net/dds or request a copy be sent to you.

Alternate Materials, Design, and Methods of Construction Request

Permit Number: _____ Assessor's Parcel Number: _____ - _____ - _____

In accordance with CBC Section 104.11, CRC Section R104.11, CMC Section 103, CPC Section 301.2, CEC Article 89.108.7 the undersigned requests approval of alternate materials and/or methods of construction for:

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Subject of alternative (separate forms must be completed for each different item): _____

Code Requirement (specify the code edition and applicable section): _____

Alternate proposed (describe material/procedure, manufacturer's name, and attach certifications): _____

Justification of alternate (attach copies of any reference, test reports, expert opinions, etc. if applicable): _____

Requested By:

_____ Contact Number: _____ Signature _____
Designer name

_____ Contact Number: _____ Signature _____
Contractor name

_____ Contact Number: _____ Signature _____
Owner name

Approved By: _____
Print Name and Title Signature Date

Denied By: _____
Print Name and Title Signature Date

Reason: _____