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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2015
FROM: Chris Jellison
TO: Public
RE: Detached Structures Approved Common Materials

History

Question/Issue: What building material is approved for a structure for indoor growing of medical marijuana in compliance with Butte County Code Chapter 34A?

Chapter 34(a) Page 10 states:

(h) "Indoors" means within one (1) fully enclosed and secure detached structure that complies with the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 California Code of Regulations), as adopted by the County of Butte. The detached structure must be secure against unauthorized entry, accessible only through one or more lockable doors and may be constructed of any approved building materials, including glass, as long as the marijuana being cultivated cannot be seen from any public right-of-way... The indoor growing structure must meet the standards of the California Building Standards Code and "approved building materials" include wood, glass (per requirements within 34A-3) and other approved materials (must be submitted to the department for approval prior to construction).

For further clarification, here is a list of typical construction methods / approved materials used for accessory structures but not limited to the following:

- T-111
- Stucco
- Wood Siding
- Exterior Lathe
- Brick and other materials approved by the Butte County Building Division.

The following are some examples of products / methods that are NOT consistent with approved construction methods but not limited to the following:

- Fabric
- Plywood
- PVC
- Plastic
- Sheet plastic for walls and roof
- Vinyl
- Tarps
- Burlap
- Tin
- PVC pipe used for hoop house structural frame
- Cargo Containers
- Particle Board
- Zip ties used for fasteners
- Rebar stakes for foundation

This list is provided for general questions and clarification on approved materials and NON approved materials. For further information please contact the Butte County Building Division at 538-7601