GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Permit Operations Division

CONSTRUCTION CODES MODIFICATION PROCEDURES

TO: MODIFICATION APPLICANT

Modifications are considered when there are practical difficulties involved in meeting a construction code requirement.

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) must complete an in-depth review of your application's ramifications before granting a Modification to any provision of the DC Construction Codes. A fee of $192.50 is required for all reviews and must be paid in advance of any review.

Before we can render a disposition, we must ensure that:

- The intent of the Code is preserved
- Public health and safety mandates are assured.

DCRA will view equal or better methods of construction or compensatory actions to meet the intent of the code favorably.

Include all pertinent information; the documentation that you provide with this application is the only information that DCRA will review. You may provide additional narrative, plans, or photos that depict the requirement for which the Modification is requested. Original signatures are required.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE SEALED BY THE REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.

ANY APPLICATION THAT IS INCOMPLETE OR WITHOUT THE OWNER'S SIGNATURE WILL BE RETURNED.

Please note that all information must be completed; including information about the building (page 1)

We will strive to respond promptly. Please allow at least 15 business days from the date that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) receives your application, before calling about its status. If you have not received a response from this office within 15 business days, please call 442-4589.

MODIFICATION APPLICATION 6/14

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Alternative Materials, Design, Methods of Construction and Equipment Number: _____

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, DESIGN AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT

Project Address: _____ **Building Permit Number:** _____

Applicant: _____ **Applicant Phone:** _____

Applicant Address: _____ **Applicant Email:** _____

Applicant's Relationship to Project: _____

Owner: _____ **Owner Phone:** _____

Owner Address: _____ **Owner Email:** _____

In accordance with Section 104.11 of the Construction Codes (Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR")), I hereby request approval of an alternative material, design, method of construction or equipment not specifically prescribed by the Construction Codes in connection with the above-referenced project/permit.

1) Describe the proposed alternative material, design, method of construction, or equipment. Use additional sheets as necessary.

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2) Does the proposed alternative design comply with the intent of the provisions of the Construction Codes, and/or is the proposed alternative material, construction method or equipment, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in the Construction Codes in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, and stability. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If Yes, please explain (use additional sheets as necessary).

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3) Is the proposed alternative material, design, method of construction and/or equipment supported supported by data from valid research reports from approved sources that is submitted as part of this application? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If Yes, please list the attached supporting reports with justification as to their validity in the space provided. Use additional sheets as necessary.

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4) Does the proposed alternative material, design, method of construction and/or equipment lessen health, accessibility, life and fire safety, or structural requirements? ☐ **Yes*** ☐ **No**

If No, please explain in the space provided. Use additional sheets as necessary.
***If you have checked yes, this request will be denied.**

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D.C. Registered Design Professional's Seal

A registered design professional's seal is required unless the applicant can demonstrate **to the satisfaction of the Code Official** that the proposed modification does not affect a technical, structural, fire safety or design requirement, or any requirement affecting the public health, safety or welfare, or involving the practice of engineering. **If a seal is not provided, please justify the absence in the space provided. Use additional sheets as necessary.**

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Owner's Signature: _____ **Applicant's Signature:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Date: _____

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DCRA Reviewer's Comments: _____

☐ **Recommend Approval** ☐ **Recommend Tests** ☐ **Recommend Disapproval**

DCRA Reviewer's Signature: _____

Date: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

DDOE Reviewer's Comments (if property in a flood hazard area subject to DDOE review): _____

☐ **Recommend Approval** ☐ **Recommend Tests** ☐ **Recommend Denial**

DDOE Reviewer's Signature:_____

Date: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Chief Building Official Comments and/or Conditions:

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☐ **Approved** ☐ **Require Tests *** ☐ **Denied**

The Code Official has authority under 12-A DCMR 104.11.2 to require tests as evidence of compliance with the Construction Codes at no expense to the District of Columbia government, whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Construction Codes, or evidence that a material, equipment or method of construction does not conform to the requirements of the Construction Codes, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods.

Describe required Test Method and/or Testing Procedures (use additional sheets as necessary):

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Has Code Official approved Agency to Conduct Tests? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Agency Conducting Tests: _____

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Date **Chief Building Official Signature**