

UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Code Modification Request Application



FIRE CODE MODIFICATIONS

Modifications. Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases, provided the *fire code official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical and the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the department of fire prevention. **[2018 IFC 104.8]**

Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. The *fire code official* is authorized to approve an alternative material or method of construction where the *fire code official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability and safety. **[2018 IFC 104.9]**

Fire Code modifications must be in compliance with the intent and purpose of the fire code so that any approved modification does not lessen health, life, and fire safety requirements. Fire Code Modifications are not a variance. Instead, a modification requires approval which will likely involve City or County Code Officials as well. Code modifications are only approved for where or when adherence to the strict letter of the International Fire Code is impractical in the opinion of the Code Officials.

**PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT A REQUEST FOR A CODE MODIFICATION
WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED!**



Application for Fire Code Modification

I (we) _____ are requesting that the

Please print the name of the property owners and person making this request.

Unified Fire Authority (Per IFC 104.8) grants the following fire code modification(s). This request is based upon the specific practical difficulties described herein and the fact of not being able to carry out the provisions of the fire code. It is understood that the fire code official has the authority to grant or deny this request. The fire code official must find that special individual reasons make the strict letter of the fire code impractical, and that this request is in compliance with the intent and purpose of the fire code. This modification shall not lessen health, life and/or fire safety requirements. If approved, (or not) these documents will be entered in the files of the fire department pertaining to the project described. A copy will be provided to the applicant.

Name: _____

Your Present Address: _____

Phone: _____, Cell _____

Property Owner Name if Different than Above: _____

Property Address: _____

Parcel Number if Applicable: _____

City or County Reference Number if Applicable: _____

Instructions:

On the attached page, please describe the reasons why you are requesting a fire code modification. Note that the reason or reasons must comply with the information stated above. The Unified Fire Authority does not assume any liability for installation different than what is described or for the maintenance of the described fire code modification. The Unified Fire Authority does reserve the right to approve or deny this request and/or the continued maintenance thereof. Attach any additional pages or plans as necessary.

Code Modification Request:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit additional material if needed. If you have questions contact the Unified Fire Authority Fire

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Date: _____ *Building Official Signature:* _____

Approved: Denied: Notes:

Date: _____ *Fire Code Official Signature:* _____

Approved: Denied: Notes:

[APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FROM BOTH THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE OFFICIALS]