

# ALTERNATE MATERIALS, METHODS OR MODIFICATIONS *Request Form*



3609 Market Place W, Suite 200  
University Place, WA 98466-4488  
PH: 253.566.5656

## **What is an alternate materials, methods, or modifications application process:**

It is a structured process established for the evaluation of alternate materials or methods of construction not specifically prescribed in the City of University Place Construction Codes. Modifications to code requirements are allowed only when there are significant difficulties encountered, making it impractical to carry out the specific provisions of the applicable code. The proposed alternate materials, methods, or modifications may be permitted where the equivalent objectives prescribed by the code can be achieved by establishing and maintaining effective fire and life safety, structural integrity, strength, fire resistance, sanitation, and/or equipment suitability. (UPMC 14.05.030 / Ord.497 §1)

## **What is not acceptable under the alternate materials and methods application process:**

The use of alternate materials, methods of construction, or modifications will not avoid compliance with the objectives or intention of the code section, rule, or ordinance. An application will not be granted if the alternate materials, methods, or modifications would reduce the level of fire and life safety, structural integrity, strength, fire resistance, sanitation, or equipment suitability required by the code.

## **What does an alternate materials, methods, or modifications application cover:**

If the use of alternate materials or methods of construction is granted, it is project specific and will be limited to the particular case(s) covered in the application and will not be applicable to future installations or equipment, unless specifically allowed by the Building Official. The application approval may be revoked for cause.

## **Who may apply for use of alternate materials and/or methods of construction?**

Only the owner, the owner's agent, or the contractor may apply to use alternate materials, methods of construction, or modifications. Applications must be in writing.

## **Who grants the use of alternate materials and/or methods of construction?**

The use of alternate materials, methods of construction or modifications is granted only by the City of University Place Building Official upon written request, under authority of UPMC 14.05.030. (City of University Place Ord.497 §1)

Applications are to be mailed to:

City of University Place Building Official  
3609 Market Place W, Suite 200  
University Place, WA 98466-4488



