

BUILDING & FIRE CODE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD

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APPOINTMENT: Five (5) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council as follows:

- A. One (1) member shall be a real estate developer who has completed at least two projects in California in the five years preceding appointment; each project must have a total valuation in excess of \$5 million
- B. One (1) member shall be a California licensed general building contractor who has been a primary general Contractor on construction projects in the City during the two years immediately preceding appointment
- C. One (1) member shall be a California registered architect who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment
- D. One (1) member shall be a California registered structural engineer who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment
- E. One (1) member shall be a California licensed fire protection engineer who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment

TERM: Three (3) years. Two term limit applies.

MEETING INFO: To be Advised

COMPENSATION: \$50 per meeting attended, not to exceed \$100.00 per month.

POWERS & DUTIES: The Board is established for the purpose of determining the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and providing reasonable interpretations of the following codes, as they are currently written or as they may be amended in the future: 2001 California Building Code and 2001 California Fire Code. The powers and duties shall extend to any code or codes duly adopted by the California Building Standards Commission that supersedes the 2001 California Building and Fire Codes. The Board may approve the use of any material, alternate design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by the applicable codes enumerated in this section, provided the Board finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of the applicable codes and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in the applicable codes in suitability, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety, and sanitation. The Board shall require that sufficient evidence or proof be submitted to substantiate any claims that may be made regarding its use.

The Board shall have no authority relative to interpretation of the administrative provisions of these codes nor shall the Board be empowered to waive requirements of these codes. Any cost for tests or research required by the Board to substantiate the claim of any appellant shall be the sole responsibility of the appellants.