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FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2022

TO: Architects, Developers and Contractors

FROM: James Brown, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: **Alternate Materials and Methods request requirements for Multi-Family, Commercial and Industrial Occupancies.**

NOTE: Review and inspections for all single family homes, duplexes, and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) fire protection systems is conducted by the Building Division of the Community Development Department. Please contact them for more information.

The policy of the Laguna Beach Fire Department (LBFD) is to require that all Alternate Materials and Methods (AM&M) requests be submitted in a report created by a qualified Fire Code Consultant acceptable to the LBFD. An AM&M is allowed per California Fire Code Sections 104.8 & 104.9 as a means of addressing design items where meeting the letter of the code is impractical. However, the proposed alternate must provide equivalent fire and life safety protection.

Typical design related items that might necessitate the need for an AM&M are:

- Non-compliant fire apparatus access roadways and / or turnarounds.
- Limited firefighter access to and around a structure.
- Hose pull lengths exceeding 150 feet.
- Inability of the site to meet the LBFD Fuel Modification Guidelines.

Below is a list of Fire Code Consultants that are acceptable to the LBFD for designing the AM&M proposals. Use of another Consultant must be approved by the LBFD prior to commencing the work or submitting the proposal.

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