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## NOTICE – ALTERNATE METHODS

Builders, Contractors and Designers:

The International Residential Code (IRC) is written and adopted as law using very specific language regarding what may or may not be done in given circumstances. “Shall,” in the Definition of the IRC, states, “The term, when used in the code, is construed as mandatory.”

The code also provides for Alternative Methods as a way to promote innovative thinking, new designs and materials.

**These Alternative Methods shall be approved by the Building Official prior to implementation (2012 IRC R104.11).** An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the Building Official finds:

1. The proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, or
2. The material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code, or
3. When a design conflicts with the code requirements, a drawing with calculations or a letter stamped by a licensed architect or engineer, or
4. Compliance with the specific performance-based provisions of the International Codes in lieu of specific requirements of the IRC.

Manufacturer’s Specifications, ICC- ES Reports, ASTM documentation and test data from other ICC-approved testing agencies may be used to support the submission request for an Alternative Method.

Please contact me at 208-789-3953 if you have any questions. Thank you.

David Wardell, Building Official

Date