



**LICENSED PROFESSIONALS ALLOWED TO PREPARE DOCUMENTS AS PER OAKLAND  
MUNICIPAL CODE 15.08 ARTICLE XV**

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**BACKGROUND**

City of Oakland Municipal Code 15.08 Article 15 adopted on January 1, 2023, allows for the Delay of Enforcement of Joint Live Work Quarters if the application for consideration of delay of enforcement for a period of five (5) years, includes a written report based on a site inspection as prepared by a licensed civil or structural engineer.

California Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 3, 5500.1. allows a licensed Architect to perform functions as follows:

(a) The practice of architecture within the meaning and intent of this chapter is defined as offering or performing, or being in responsible control of, professional services which require the skills of an architect in the planning of sites, and the design, in whole or in part, of buildings, or groups of buildings and structures.

(b) Architects' professional services may include any or all of the following:

- (1) Investigation, evaluation, consultation, and advice.
- (2) Planning, schematic and preliminary studies, designs, working drawings, and specifications.
- (3) Coordination of the work of technical and special consultants.
- (4) Compliance with generally applicable codes and regulations, and assistance in the governmental review process.
- (5) Technical assistance in the preparation of bid documents and agreements between clients and contractors.
- (6) Contract administration.
- (7) Construction observation.

(c) As a condition for licensure, architects shall demonstrate a basic level of competence in the professional services listed in subdivision (b) in examinations administered under this chapter.

**SUMMARY**

Therefore, as per California Business and Professions Code a licensed Architect may also inspect and prepare the written reports as required under Oakland Municipal Code 15.08 Article

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