



**CITY OF OAKLAND
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF BUILDING**

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Approved Alternate for Use in The Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

OMC 15.04.3.2080 established Chapter 7B in the California Building Code (CBC), applicable to alterations and repairs in the *Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone* (VHFHSZ), also known as the *Wildland Urban Interface* (WUI) and the Wildfire Assessment District. With regards to altering or repairing of exterior walls located within such zones, CBC Section 701B requires the following:

If 50% or more of the wall requires repair or replacement, the entire wall shall conform to this section and all other relevant provisions of this code. The exterior wall surface materials, other than 7/8" three-coat stucco, must have a tightly sealed under-layment of 1/2" Type "C" gypsum sheathing under 3/8" plywood siding or 3/4" drop siding, 5/8" Type "X" under other siding, or an approved alternate.

This bulletin is issued to provide clarification that building materials and products contained in the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal Building Materials Listing Program, which may be accessed via http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_bml_searchcotest, and listed for use in a WUI, may be considered as **approved alternates** for use in the VHFHSZ wherever referenced within Chapter 7B.

Additionally, building materials and products, such as eave/foundation venting, contained in the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal Building Materials Listing Program, and listed for use in a WUI, may be used for any building material or product referenced in CBC Chapter 7A.

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