

ROOFING ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS

The Fire District Board of Directors has mandated that any new or replacement roofing assembly will meet the requirements of the Uniform Building Code as being “Class A – suitable for extreme fire exposure”. This requirement was based upon the horrendous experience throughout the region with combustible roofing during wildland interface fires. It was further recognized that the Fire District’s limited available firefighting and water resources would not adequately protect adjacent structures with combustible roofing in the event of any type of large fire.

This requirement exceeds that which the County of Santa Barbara Building & Safety Division enforces in other “High Fire Hazard Areas” within unincorporated county areas. The County minimally requires a “Class B – suitable for moderate fire exposure” roofing assembly and further prohibits the use of wood roofing materials.

Any replacement of existing roofing and/or additional new roofing which amounts to more than 25% of the total roofing area would require the removal and replacement of the whole roof with conforming roofing materials. The Fire District roofing ordinance shares this threshold in common with that of the County.

The Fire District is responsible for the review of plans and contract documents for all new and/or replacement roofing projects occurring within its jurisdiction. Roofing permits are initiated through the standard Fire Protection Certificate Application (FPC) process currently utilized for all building permits within unincorporated areas of the County. The County Building Official is responsible for the inspection of any roofing installation within the Fire District.

The Fire District reviews plans and/or roofing contracts to verify that a conforming “Class A” roof is being proposed for installation. The contractor or owner’s agent is required to produce such documentation for review by Fire District personnel. Generally a cursory comparison between this documentation and the roofing manufacturer’s product specifications will confirm compliance with the plan review aspects of the Ordinance.

A blank FPC form may be obtained either at the County Building & Safety Division or from the Fire District. The applicant will complete this application and submit it, along with copies of the contract documents, to the Fire District for review. The applicant may submit this documentation by facsimile. This review would generally be accomplished with minimal turnaround time. In completing the review, Fire District personnel will note the general description of the approved roofing assembly at the bottom of the FPC before signing and dating it. The Fire District retains the white original copy of the FPC along with a copy of any pertinent plans and/or contract documents.

To obtain the roofing permit, the project applicant would then deliver the remaining copies of the FPC to the Building & Safety Division at which time the permit would be issued over the counter.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION (FPC)

cash register receipt stamp

COMPLETE AND RETURN form to the Building Department.

This form must be signed by the applicant and accompanied by the required fee and three copies of a site/grading plan indicating water for fire protection and project access. Application needs to be completed and certificate approved prior to issuance of building permit. The Fire Department will review the Certificate and forward the application with conditions to the Building Department and mail one copy to the property owner or applicant. All fields must be completed.

1. Building Permit # _____ APN _____ - _____ - _____ Date _____
2. Building site address _____ City _____
3. Applicant _____ Phone _____
Mailing address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
4. Property owner _____ Phone _____
Mailing address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
5. Mail FPC, condition letter and applicable Standards to Applicant or Property Owner
6. Project description _____
7. Existing square footage (include non-habitable space) _____
8. Does existing building have a fire sprinkler system? Yes No N/A
9. Square footage of this new or additional construction (include non-habitable space) _____
10. After project completion, will hazardous or flammable material be on premises?
Yes No If Yes, describe fully _____
11. Describe project water source for fire protection (water district, private water company, etc.)
Include name and address of purveyor _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THE PROJECT DESCRIBED ABOVE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND CODES.

Applicant name (print) _____ Applicant signature _____

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Fire Department Use Only

Approved with attached conditions Approved
Date _____ Signed _____ Title _____

Comments _____

Upon completion of review, distribute FPC as follows: Original: Fire Dept. Canary: Bldg. Dept. Pink: Owner or Applicant with condition letter and standards Other _____

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