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ROOFING REQUIREMENTS FOR WOOD SHAKES AND SHINGLES

In the City of Los Angeles, all wood shake or wood shingle roof covering is prohibited. The following are some important facts concerning the use and replacement of wood shakes and wood shingles in the City of Los Angeles.

- The use of wood shakes and wood shingles for reroofing or repairs to existing roof, or new construction of roof is prohibited.

Exception: Repairs to existing wood shake or wood shingle roof covering, which are considered minor (up to 5% of the roof area), may be allowed with Class B wood shingles or shakes under a "Request for Modification of Building Ordinance". This request form is available online in the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) website at address "LADBS.ORG" under "Forms" for "Plan Check", or at all LADBS public counters. It must be completed and presented to the counter supervisor for consideration. It shall be accompanied by an appeal processing fee as required by the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 403.2(a)2. Issues that will be considered when acting on the request include:

- < Location of building in a fire district
- < Proximity to other structures
- < Size of area to be repaired
- < Purpose of repair

- If reroofing more than 50% of an existing roof within any one year period, then the entire roof must comply with current code. This means that all existing wood shakes or shingles must be removed and the new roof must be a code approved class A, B, or C roof covering as required by LABC Section 1505.1. However, the roofing must meet class A standards for buildings located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, or either class A or B standards for buildings within Fire District No. 1 in accordance to Chapter 72 of the LABC.
- If reroofing 50% or less of an existing roof within any one year period, then only the area replaced needs to comply with current code. This means that only the wood shakes and shingles in the area of replacement must be removed and the new roof must be a code approved class A, B, or C roof covering as required by LABC Section 1505.1. However, the roofing must meet class A standards for buildings located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, or either class A or B standards for buildings within Fire District No. 1 in accordance to Chapter 72 of the LABC.