

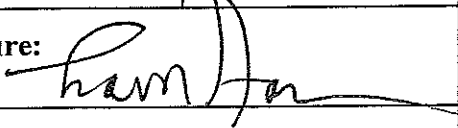


DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

City & County of San Francisco

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Code Interpretation

<p>Subject: Application of the 2007 San Francisco Building Code to a New Building prior to the Effective Date of that New Code (January 1, 2008)</p>	<p>Date: November 5, 2007</p>	
<p>Key words: effective date, alternative, equivalency</p>	<p>San Francisco Building Code Sections: 104A.2.7, 104A.2.8</p>	
	<p>Code : SFBC</p>	<p>Code Year: 2007</p>
<p>Approved By: Isam Hasenin, P.E., C.B.O., Director</p>	<p>Signature: </p>	
<p>Question:</p> <p>May new buildings of any occupancy be allowed to apply the provisions of the 2007 San Francisco Building Code prior to the effective date of that code, January 1, 2008?</p>		
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Yes, a new building of any occupancy may apply the provisions of the 2007 San Francisco Building Code prior to the effective date of that code, January 1, 2008, if that building complies with all of the provisions for such new building as required in the 2007 San Francisco Building Code.</p> <p>This determination is based on the understanding that the 2007 San Francisco Building Code requirements, when taken in their entirety, provide at least the equivalent of that prescribed in the 2001 San Francisco Building Code in suitability, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety, sanitation, and all other building elements.</p> <p>Any applicant for a permit to apply the 2007 San Francisco Building Code to a new structure in advance of the effective date of January 1, 2008 shall submit a request for approval under the</p>		

requirements of AB-005, "Approval of Local Equivalencies," in order to document the application of such alternate code provisions. This shall also be noted on the Permit Application and in the design criteria in the submittal documents.

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