



TOWN OF TRUCKEE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION

November 4, 2013

Andrew Cross
Truckee - Tahoe Lumber Company
P.O. Box 369
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Dear Andrew,

I have received your request to allow the use of an alternate handrail design provided in the Kelleher Molding Book. Specifically, the alternate design request is for product "F506 1 3/8" X 2 1/4" Mushroom Handrail. As your request states, this is not an uncommon handrail design and in fact is allowed in other jurisdictions across the State of California.

Per the 2010 California Building Code (CBC), the Building Official is authorized to grant modifications provided it meets the intent of the code. Specifically, chapter 1, section 104.11, of the 2010 CBC addresses "Alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment," and allows these provided such approval has been granted. Moreover, the section in part reads "...An alternative material, design, or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *Building Official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purposes intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability, and safety."

Based on the above code section and the sample provided, I approve the use of product "F506 1 3/8" X 2 1/4" Mushroom Handrail" as a type 1 handrail for Single - Family Residences (SFR) only. Please see attached sketch of the proposed handrail for reference only (not to scale or to be copied) as a guideline for the alternate design. This is not approved for multifamily or commercial use in any situation that may arise, without prior approval from the Building Official.

This policy change is effective as of November 4, 2013, and shall remain in effect unless repealed by the Building Official. The Building Official reserves the right to revoke this alternate if determined that any of the above requirements have diminished or are not being followed at any time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call to discuss further at 530-582-2905 or via email at jgoetz@townoftruckee.com.

Sincerely,

Johnny Goetz
Chief Building Official
Town of Truckee



