

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Section 1

ROOFING ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS

The Fire District Board of Directors has mandated that any new or replacement roofing assembly will meet the requirements of the current version of the 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

This requirement exceeds that which the County of Santa Barbara Building & Safety Division (“County”) 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

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 Code.

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. 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.

To obtain the roofing permit, the project applicant would then deliver the FPC to the County Building & Safety Division at which time the County would issue its permit in due course.