New Requirements in Effect March 1

New roof covering requirements recently adopted by the City Council will be in effect for Building Permits issued on or after March 1, 2004. These requirements apply to all new and existing buildings.

For projects involving the replacement, repair or alteration of existing roof coverings where a building permit is not required, the effective date shall be based on the contract signing date.

The new requirements were adopted in Section §145.0202 “Local Modifications to Roofing Requirements of the 2001 California Building Code” of the San Diego Municipal Code as follows:

(a) All newly constructed roofs, and replacements, alterations, or repairs to existing roofs shall be with a Class “A” roofing assembly.

(b) Wood shake or wood shingles are not permitted, except as provided in State Historical Building Code section 8-408 and for certain alteration, repair or replacement projects listed below.

(c) The entire roof shall be a Class “A” roofing assembly where more than twenty-five percent of the total roof area is replaced, altered or repaired within any twelve month period. No wood roof coverings are allowed in such a scope of work on the new or existing building.

(d) The entire roof shall be a Class “A” roofing assembly where a building addition is more than twenty-five percent of the original
floor area of the building. No wood roof coverings are allowed in such a scope of work on the new or existing building.

(e) The use of treated wood roof coverings that are a part of a class “A” roofing assembly is permitted where not more than twenty-five percent of the total roof area is replaced, altered or repaired within any twelve month period.

(f) No roof covering shall be applied over any existing wood shakes or wood shingles.

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