



## DEVELOPMENT STANDARD #6

# REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR POST DISASTER REBUILDS

The Montecito Fire Protection District recognizes the adverse impacts of disasters within our community such as wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and debris flows that could not have been prevented by the exercise of foresight or caution. The Fire District is committed to working with property owners in recovering from the impacts of disaster as quickly as possible to ensure a resilient community.

Consistent with established development standards, each proposed rebuild will have a set of conditions pursuant to requirements set forth in the current California Fire Code (CFC) and the adopted Montecito Fire Protection District Code and Development Standards. The Fire District recognizes that when re-building communities following disasters, there may be practical difficulties in meeting requirements relevant to current code standards.

Property owners that are affected by disasters and have demonstrated difficulties making the code upgrade requirements may request a modification to the imposed conditions of the Fire Protection Certificate (FPC). The request for modification shall be in the form of a written request and shall contain an acknowledgement of the applicable code standards and include a description of the practical difficulties in attaining the specific requirements imposed. Further, the letter shall include a list of suggested modifications to the project that will assist the Fire District in providing the highest level of fire and life safety for the residents, their properties, and the community as a whole.

The District's approval, in whole or in part, of any request for modification as provided herein, shall be in the District's sole discretion. The structure shall be constructed to not exceed the previously legal existing square-footage. If the occupancy classification of the existing structure changes, in whole or in part, this policy shall not apply, and the structure shall meet all current adopted codes and standards.

Fire District staff will convey which conditions apply specific to an individual project, both in the initial planning phase, and as condition of final approval / certificate of occupancy issuance. Site inspections and conceptual plan reviews by Fire District personnel will be made upon the request of owners or their agents or at the discretion of Fire District personnel.

Address the request for modification of the Fire Protection Certificate and any questions to the District Fire Marshal.