

## SIDING REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES

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## **Design Review Requirements**

Any significant changes to the siding will require a Design Review. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Any change in materials such as wood to stucco or vinyl siding or stucco to wood or vinyl siding. For
  example, a proposal to replace four foot shiplad redwood siding with four inch vinyl siding would be subject
  to design review.
- Any substantial change in size of the siding (no more than +/- 10% width change from the original siding)
- · Any alteration or reconfiguration of the siding. For example, replacing horizontal siding with vertical siding

Please submit a hardcopy of the following for a Design Review or a Building Permit:

- Permit Application
- Photograph(s) of the existing siding to be replaced
- A brochure of the new replacement siding
- A sample of the replacement siding, if vinyl or wood
- A Home Owners Association approval letter, if the home is located within an area subject to Home Owner Association design approval

## **Design Review Exemptions**

The following is exempt from Design Review:

- Stucco being replaced with stucco, as long as the stucco is being applied with the same type of finish and texture
- Vinyl siding is being replaced with vinyl siding of the exact same size, style, texture, and finish
- Wood siding is being replaced with wood siding of the exact same size, style, texture, and finish. For
  example, a proposal to replace 8' wide redwood siding with 8' wide douglas fir siding would be considered
  replacement-in-kind as long as the new material has the same texture.
- Wood siding is being replaced with fiberboard or synthetic wood siding (such as Hardiplank) of the same size, style, and finish. The exterior texture of such siding must have a smooth finish and not come with any imitation or faux wood grain surfaces.

For more details on siding regulation, please refer to "Section III – Building Materials & Detailing" of the *Guide to Residential Design* on the City's website.