



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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ALTERNATIVE WALL INSPECTION PROCESS

To help homeowners and builders, the County is implementing an alternative inspection process to approve block walls. This process is a temporary program to expedite the construction of block walls and make the inspection process more efficient. **The County reserves the right to terminate this program at any time.**

Applicability of the alternate inspection program:

Builders and contractors will use the program for any freestanding walls of any type of material not over 6 feet in height. (Retaining walls do not qualify for this process).

Approval procedure for Custom Homes:

Custom Homes: It is optional to call for regular inspections or to provide a Structural Observation Report from a structural or civil engineer registered with the State of California.

If opting to provide a structural observation report, once the permit is issued and the wall is constructed, follow the next steps:

1. Builder/Contractor shall submit a request for a final inspection.
2. Provide a **structural observation report** from a structural or civil engineer registered with the State of California to the Building Inspector during the final inspection. The inspector will verify the wall's length, height, location, and stability.

The **structural observation report** shall certify that the wall was constructed per the approved plans. This document **must be stamped** by a structural or civil engineer registered with the State of California. **Please use the attached County Standard structural observation form.**

STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION means the visual observation of the structural system, for general conformance to the approved plans and specifications, at significant construction stages and at completion of the structural system. Structural observation does not include or waive the responsibility for the inspections required by section 110, 1701, or other building code sections.

This process is allowed regardless of the stage of construction the subject walls are in.



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STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION REPORT FORM

FOR FREESTANDING WALLS UP TO 6 FEET IN HEIGHT

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Project Address:		Structural Observer of Record (SOR):	SOR Phone No.:
Building Permit No.:	Structural Observation performed by:	Observer Professional Lic./Reg. No.:	Observer Phone No.:
Lot No.:			

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This report includes all construction work through _____ (DAY) of _____ (MONTH), 20____

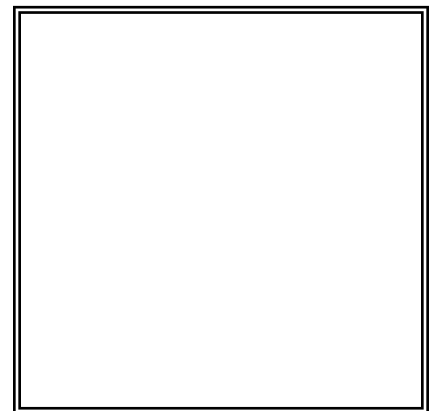
OBSERVED STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS

FOUNDATION	WALL	FRAMES	FLOOR	PORTION OBSERVED, IF NOT WHOLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footing, Stem Walls	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Moment Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mat Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Braced Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Deck	
<input type="checkbox"/> Caisson, Piles, Grade Beams	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Moment Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retaining Foundation, Hillside Special Anchors	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Masonry Wall Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Others:	
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OBSERVED DEFICIENCIES: _____

I DECLARE THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

- I AM THE ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT RETAINED BY THE OWNER TO BE IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE FOR THE STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.
- I, OR ANOTHER ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT WHO I HAVE DESIGNATED ABOVE AND IS UNDER MY RESPONSIBLE CHARGE, HAS PERFORMED THE REQUIRED SITE VISITS AT EACH SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION STAGE TO VERIFY IF THE STRUCTURE IS IN GENERAL CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS;
- ALL DEFICIENCIES WHICH REMAIN TO BE CORRECTED HAVE BEEN INDICATED ABOVE;
- RECOMMEND THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BE WITHHELD UNTIL ALL OBSERVED DEFICIENCIES ARE CORRECTED.



STAMP OF STRUCTURAL
OBSERVER OF RECORD

SIGNATURE (OBSERVER OF RECORD) DATE