

**Notice of Final Appeal Decision**  
**Building Code Structures Board**  
**Major One and Two-Family Dwelling Code Interpretation (OTFDC)**  
**ORS 455.475 - Appeal DC-00-01**  
**OTFDC Section 111.1, Item 1.14**

**Question:** Are permits and inspections required for the installation of brick veneer replacing other types of siding such as wood, masonite or vinyl on an existing single family residence?

**Answer:** Yes. On October 4, 2000, the Building Codes Structures Board determined that a permit and inspections are required for installation of brick veneer in place of lighter weight materials such as wood siding on an existing single family residence.

The Board determined that the installation of brick veneer in place of such light weight materials as wood siding should not be included in the list of items exempt from permit in OTFDC Section 111.1. This decision was based on the following findings:

1. Replacement of siding with **like** materials is exempt from permit.
2. Replacement of wood siding with brick veneer constitutes a significant increase in the weight of the siding material.
3. The 600% increase in weight of the siding material has the potential to adversely impact the structural integrity of the building.
4. The method of installation of the two types of materials is significantly different.
5. OTFDC Table 403.1.1, Minimum Width of Concrete or Masonry Footings, recognizes the differences in loading between conventional wood frame construction with wood siding, and construction that includes 4-inch brick veneer over wood frame.
6. The appeal was properly filed in accordance with ORS 455.475 and OAR 918-001-0130.
7. The appeal of a OTFDC interpretation is under the purview of the Structural Program Chief.

This decision is consistent with the requirement of ORS 455.310 that states: *"In making the list of exempt items, the director shall further define the items on the list contained in this subsection so that no item which adversely affects the structural integrity of the dwelling shall be on the list."*

A complete record of the Board appeal hearing and decision may be found in the minutes of the October 4, 2000 Building Codes Structures Board meeting when it is posted on our web site at [www.oregonbcd.org](http://www.oregonbcd.org).