



## City of Los Alamitos

Community Development: Building & Safety Division  
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## BUILDING DESIGN LIMITATIONS

### BUILDING PROFESSIONALS DESIGN LIMITATIONS

#### 1. ARCHITECTS

May design any building of any type except: Structural portions of hospitals

Section 129805 of the Health and Safety Code

Sections 5500.1 and 6737 of the Business and Professions Code

#### 2. CIVIL ENGINEERS

May design any building of any type except: Hospitals and Schools

Section 129805 of the Health and Safety Code

Section 17302 of the Education Code

Sections 5537.5 and 6735 of the Business and Professions Code

#### 3. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

May design any building of any type: No limitations

Sections 5537.1 and 6736 of the Business and Professions Code

#### 4. UN-LICENSED PERSONS

May design the following:

- a. Single family dwellings of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- b. Multiple dwellings containing not more than four dwelling units of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height. No more than four dwelling units per lot.
- c. Garages or other structures appurtenant to single-family dwellings, of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- d. Agricultural and ranch buildings of woodframe construction, unless the Building Official deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.
- e. Non-structural or non-seismic storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinet work, furniture, or other appliances or equipment, including non-structural or non-seismic work necessary to provide for their installation.

May not design:

Any component that changes or affects the safety of any building, including but not limited to structural or seismic components.

#### NOTE:

THE BUILDING OFFICIAL MAY REQUIRE PLANS, COMPUTATIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS TO BE PREPARED AND DESIGNED BY AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER LICENSED BY THE STATE TO PRACTICE AS SUCH, EVEN IF NOT REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

Sections 5537, 5538, and 6737.1 of the Business and Professions Code. NOTE: