

# ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS FOR SUNROOM

The following are alternate provisions for the construction of sunrooms adjacent to dwelling based on the 2003 International Residential Code.

## DEFINITIONS:

**Sunroom:** A one-story structure adjacent to a dwelling with a glazing area in excess of 40 percent of the gross area of the structure's exterior walls and roof. The sunroom may only be used for recreational living purposes and not as a carport, garage, storage room or habitable room. The room may not be heated or cooled.

**Thermal Isolation:** A separation of conditioned spaces, between a sunroom addition and a dwelling unit, consisting of existing or new wall(s), exterior doors, and/or windows.

## LIGHT AND VENTILATION:

Openings required for light and/or ventilation shall be permitted to open into a thermally isolated sunrooms, provided that there is an openable area between the adjoining room and the sunroom of not less than one-tenth of the floor area of the interior room but not less than 20 square feet (1.86m<sup>2</sup>). The minimum openable area to the outdoors shall be based upon the total floor area being ventilated.

**Note:** Sunrooms shall conform to the requirements of the California Building Code except for the provisions describe above.



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**HELP FOR THE HOMEOWNER**

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