nlike construction" are used in this Code they shall mean that such maintenance and repair be made in a reasonably skillful manner.

*Yard* shall mean an open unoccupied space on the same lot with a building extending along the entire length or a street, or rear or interior lot line.

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Modifications. Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the Code Official shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases, provided the Code Official shall first find that special individual reason(s) makes the strict letter of the code impractical and the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the department files.

Alternative materials, methods and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternate material or method of construction shall be approved where the Code Official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or wo