

PART 3: Identification

1. **Building Code:** A set of guidelines that govern the design, construction, and safety of buildings and structures, ensuring conformity with established standards.
2. **Change Order:** A written authorization that documents adaptations to the scope, contract, or plans of a construction project.
3. **Breach of Contract:** Failure to fulfill the terms and commitments specified in a legally binding agreement.
4. **Bid Bond:** A financial guarantee provided by a contractor to warrant that they will honor their bid if awarded a contract.
5. **Occupancy Permit:** A government-issued authorization allowing a building or structure to be occupied and used for its intended purpose.
6. **Subcontractor:** A company engaged by the general contractor to perform specific portions of the construction work.
7. **Mediation:** A form of unconventional dispute resolution in which a neutral third party assists parties in reaching a mutually acceptable settlement.
8. **Zoning Variance:** Clearance granted by a local authority to deviate from certain zoning regulations, typically due to unique conditions.
9. **Performance Bond:** A business guarantee provided by a contractor to ensure that they will complete a project according to contract terms.
10. **Material Supplier:** A company or entity that requires construction materials to contractors and builders.