

Tips for working with the ALA contracts

- A. Log in to your ALA member profile. Select the contract you require and download to your computer
- B. Editing Hints See red numbers in Figure 1 below.
 - 1. When inserting text, place your curser just left of the blank to be filled in.
 - 2. Change the font style and size as desired.
 - 3. Deleted text will appear struck through and a different color.
 - 4. Pay attention and look for all the short blanks to be filled in. You are not limited in the amount of text you insert even if the line is very short.
 - 5. The specific change tracking marks shown will vary based on the track changes options you have selected in your text editor.
- C. Change tracking is locked in the contract documents. You will not be able to turn it off.
 - 1. Draft View Save draft document with the tracking options set to show changes. Your view will vary based on how you have set your specific text editor. Here insertions are underlined and in blue, deletions are struck through in blue, balloons at right, and changes are tagged with a line in the left column. This view will show your client the original text and what you have changed.

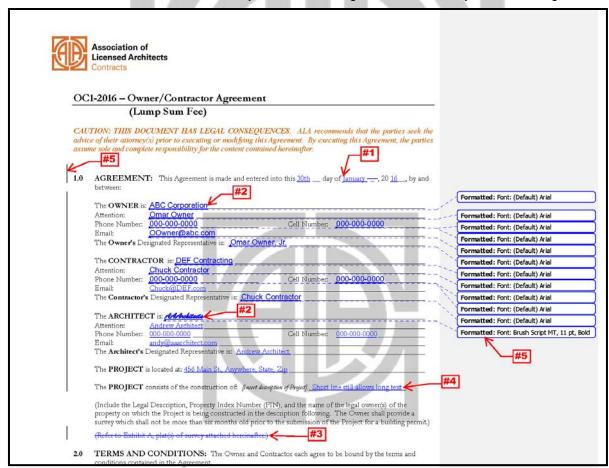


Figure 1 - Draft Mode Tracking Options

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2. Final Mode - When contract terms have been accepted by all parties, you can change the tracking options to show only the clean final copy.

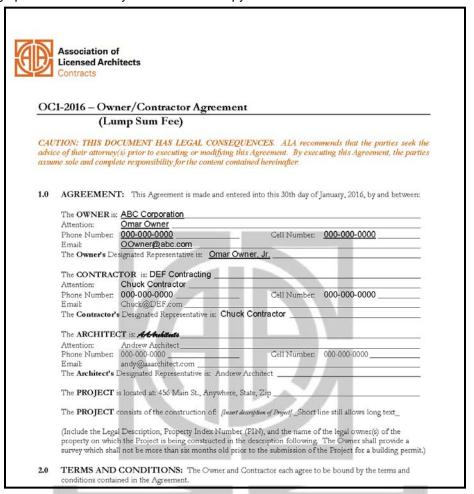


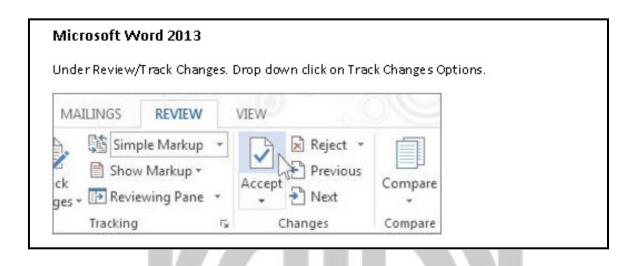
Figure 2 - Final Mode Tracking Options

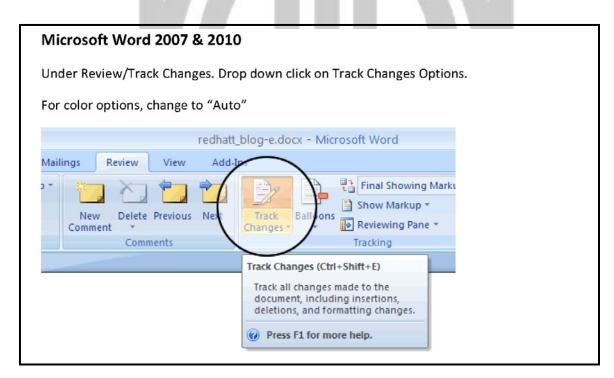
- D. Save the downloaded contract to your computer. Contracts are not saved on the ALA web server. If you open, edit, and close without saving you will lose the document. The file that is downloaded is an editable text document.
- E. Because tracking is locked in contract documents, you will not be able to accept changes and clear them from the document. Also with track changes locked, every change you make in a file is permanently stored in that file. Start with a clean downloaded contract form for each new use.
- F. Always use the most current version of the contract. Updated and improved ALA Contracts are released periodically.
- G. To see the final contract without change tracking marks you will have to adjust the track changes settings in your text editor. The track changes settings and options will vary for each version of each

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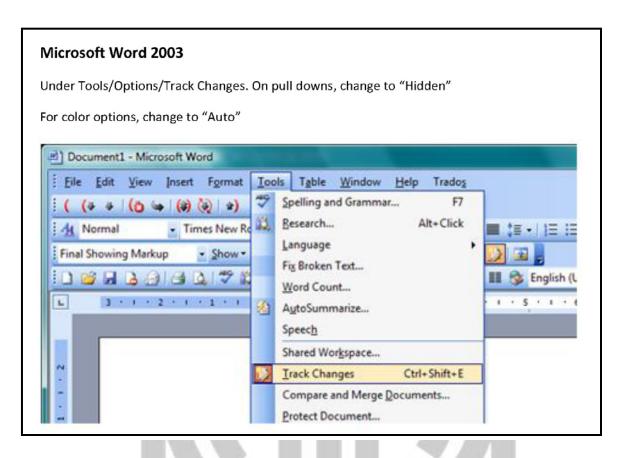
text editor. Instructions on how to change these settings for several of the more popular text editors are shown below. For more information or if your preferred text editor is not shown, a quick search with your favorite search engine (Google, Bing, etc.) should get you the information needed.

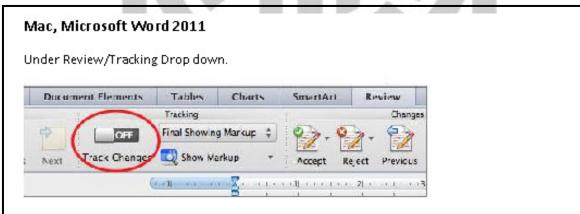




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