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Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver Requirements

The preparer is legally responsible for signatures whether a graphic, typewritten, or handwritten. Documents may not be restricted by digital signatures or otherwise.

Project Information:

APN: _____ **Address:** _____
Legal Owner: _____
Project Description: _____
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Authorization Statement

I am requesting an application for a Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver for the above-referenced project description and building permit application. Initial below.

_____ I understand the application for a Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver does not guarantee a waiver will be granted.

_____ I have reviewed the Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver Requirements (page 2) and understand the site condition requirements for requesting a waiver.

_____ I understand that if the application for a waiver is denied, a Geotechnical (Soils) Report must be prepared by a consulting civil engineer and submitted for review by the County Civil Engineer. This may necessitate redesigning the proposed scope of work submitted under the building permit application.

In seeking a waiver for requirements of the 2025 California Building Code Section 1803.2 – Geotechnical Investigations, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to submit a request in writing to the Unified Permit Center's Civil Engineer; and the permit holder accepts full and absolute responsibility for any adverse consequences of waiving the requirement for a Geotechnical (Soils) report.

The request for a Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver shall include a site plan showing the location(s) of the proposed improvement(s).

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Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver Requirements

1. Waiver of the 2025 California Building Code Section 1803.2 requirement for a Geotechnical (Soils) Report is at the discretion of the Building Department Official and will be considered for the following:
    a. Any structure changing the footprint on the property.
    b. Any grading.
2. The project site must meet all the following requirements for approval of a Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver:
    a. Project site is located on slopes no greater than 20%.
    b. No existing cut or fill slopes.
    c. No proposed cut or fill slopes.
    d. No mapped or known geologic hazards including liquefaction, landslides, expansive soils, or fault zones.
    e. Slope setbacks are in conformance with the 2025 California Building Code Section 1808.7 Foundations on or Adjacent to Slopes; and
    f. No observed structural distress to onsite foundation elements or slabs on grade.
3. The following conditions shall apply to all foundations for structures granted a Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver.
    a. In the absence of a Geotechnical (Soils) Report, the maximum allowable soil bearing pressure used for foundation design is 1,500 PSF per 2025 California Building Code Table 1806.2 for Class 5 soils.
    b. All footings shall be a minimum of 12" wide and 18" below undisturbed natural grade for single story; and 15" wide and 24" below undisturbed natural grade for two stories unless deeper footings are required to satisfy structural requirements.

By signing below, I (applicant/owner) acknowledge the above-mentioned codes and hereby request a review of the submitted Geotechnical (Soils) Report Waiver for my building permit application(s) with request understanding of any or all risks involved.

ALL property owners must sign. Add an additional sheet if necessary to accommodate all signatures.

Authorized Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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