



Soils Report Waiver Request

Town of Atherton
Building Department
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Instructions:

The design professional in responsible charge of the structural design (a CA licensed engineer/architect) may request that the Building Department waive the requirement for a soils investigation (report) based on their observations and professional opinion that the site conditions and proposed construction do not indicate that such a report is necessary. In the event that a CA licensed geotechnical engineer is involved with the project, said engineer must conduct the observations and complete the request for waiver.

Refer to the relevant portion of the 2013 California Building Code (CBC) section 1803 (sections 1803.2 and 1803.3 in particular). The investigated conditions that are required to be addressed in a soils investigation/report are outlined in sections 1803.5.1 through 1803.5.12.

Answer the questions on page two of this form. If the answer to any of the questions in items 2 through 12 is "Yes" then a full soils investigation/report shall be required pursuant to the 2013 CBC requirements.

If the answers to all of the questions (items 2 through 12) are "No" then the design professional in responsible charge may stamp and wet sign page two of this form and submit it to the Town of Atherton Building Department for review by the Chief Building Official. Please note that in the absence of a Geotechnical Report the maximum allowable soil bearing pressure used for foundation design is 1500 psf per CBC Table 1806.2 for Type 5 soil.

The design professional in responsible charge must have full confidence that all answers to questions 2 through 12 are "No", as the Town and property owner(s) are relying on his/her observations and conclusions as the basis for the waiver. All potential present and future liability is wholly on the design professional requesting the waiver.

In order to perform a timely review, this form must be submitted at the time of permit application along with all other required submittal documents.

Please ensure prior to submittal that this form is stamped and signed by the design professional.



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PROJECT ADDRESS: _____ **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** _____

- 1. **Classification:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.1)
Provide a classification of the soil materials in accordance with ASTM D 2487. _____
- 2. **Questionable Soil:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.2)
Are there soil conditions or evidence from existing structures on the site that indicate the presence of soils with questionable bearing capacity? Yes or no? Y N
- 3. **Expansive Soil:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.3)
Are there soil conditions or evidence from existing structures on the site that indicate the presence of expansive soils? Yes or no? Y N
- 4. **Deep Foundations:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.5)
Does the design utilize a pile and pier, or any other deep foundation method? Yes or no? Y N
- 5. **Rock Strata:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.6)
Is the site West of Alameda De Las Pulgas or are there issues indicated with variations or doubtful characteristics in the subsurface rock strata? Yes or no? Y N
- 6. **Excavations Near Foundations:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.7)
Will there be any excavation on the site that will remove lateral support from any foundations? Yes or no? Y N
- 7. **Compacted Fill:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.8)
Does the design include any shallow foundations bearing on compacted fill more than 6" in depth? Yes or no? Y N
- 8. **Controlled Low-Strength Material:** (2013 CBC 1803.5.9)
Will any shallow foundations bear on fill of controlled low-strength material? Yes or no? Y N
- 9. **Has the proposed site ever had a geotechnical investigation conducted?** Yes or no? Y N
- 10. **Is the proposed site located in a potential landslide or liquefaction zone per the latest California Geologic Survey Maps?** Yes or no? Y N
- 11. **Does the project have a basement and/or any retaining walls retaining more than 6'-0" of soil or any surcharges?** Yes or no? Y N
- 12. **Was or will an existing structure be demolished where the footprint of the proposed structure is located.** Yes or no? Y N

I (the registered design professional) have completed the above questionnaire and believe the above answers to be true and correct. Further, it is my professional opinion that this site does not require a geotechnical investigation to be performed based on the design of the proposed structures to be constructed. I hereby assume full liability, both present and future, in this regard.

Registered Design Professional and Stamp

License Number

Date