Application for Exemption from Soils Investigation Report Requirements

The City of Albany will consider, on a case-by-case basis, waiving requirements of 2016 California Residential Code Chapter 4 regarding soils reports for additions or remodels of Type V construction/R-3 Occupancy types of two (2) stories or less.

Applicants must complete the application below, which constitutes a “Request for Approval of Alternate Material, Designs, Tests, and Methods of Construction” pursuant to Section 1.8.7 of the 2016 California Residential Code.

This form must be completed and signed by a California licensed professional engineer or architect, and must be countersigned by the property owner(s).

1. Project Address: ____________________________________________________________

2. I have performed a visual inspection of the existing structure and there is NO evidence of (check all that apply*):

   q A) Structural failure of the existing foundation;
   q B) Uneven foundation/soils settlement;
   q C) Non-engineered fill;
   q D) Organic soils with low bearing capacity
   q E) High moisture content in soil;
   q F) Slides, slumps, soil creep, or soil erosion;
   q G) Substantial grade changes; or
   q F) Culverts, creeks, swales, or other drainage systems on or adjacent to the site.

   *All conditions must be found to be absent for the City to consider the application.

3. I hereby affirm that the City records, property owner records, prior building inspections, and real estate disclosures have been reviewed to my satisfaction and that there is no evidence of the conditions described in Section 2 (above).

4. I hereby affirm that the proposed construction is to have a conventional light wood frame structure using conventional building materials.
5. Describe the proposed structural design assumptions for soil conditions and soil bearing capacity (attach separate sheet(s) if necessary):

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6. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the City of Albany, any affiliated organization, its representatives, its employees, principles, directors, officers, agents, volunteers, or anyone affiliated with the City of Albany, from any loss, all liability and waive any claim for damages or costs arising for any cause whatsoever related to the modifications and improvements to real property, except that which is the result of gross negligence.

7. I hereby further expressly agree that this assumption of risk, release and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of California and if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall withstand and continue in full force and effect.

Form completed by licensed professional:

Name (please print) __________________________ Title/Certification # __________________________
Signature of licensed professional __________________________ Date __________________________

I have read, understand, and agree to the foregoing:

Property owner signature __________________________ Date __________________________
Print Name __________________________
Property owner signature __________________________ Date __________________________
Print Name __________________________

City Use Only

Application approved □ not approved □
City Staff / Title __________________________ Date __________________________