



CITY OF MORRO BAY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
955 Shasta Avenue
Morro Bay, CA 93442

**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF SOILS TEST FOR MINOR ADDITIONS
TO ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Project Address: _____ Application #: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone #: _____

BACKGROUND: Historically, quantifiable data has been created using accepted soil science methodologies by approved agencies using approved methods indicating that, in general, the soil conditions likely to be encountered throughout the City of Morro Bay would consist of expansive, compressible, shifting, or other questionable soil characteristics. These types of soil conditions require a complete geotechnical evaluation for moderate and major projects.

PURPOSE: In order to help alleviate the burdens of time and disproportionately high cost associated with obtaining a soil test for minor residential additions up to 500 square feet to one and two family dwellings, the City of Morro Bay Building Division has developed a policy allowing a waiver of the soil test as specified in the California Residential Code Section R401.4.

POLICY STATEMENT: Where a soils test has not been previously provided in accordance with the 2025 CRC Section R401.4; one and two family dwelling unit residential additions of 500 square feet or less, up to two stories (addition footprint area), may forego a soils test provided the California Licensed Design Professional agrees to the following checked statements by signing and dating this application in the appropriate location at the bottom of this application:

- ☒ An on-site investigation has revealed no foundation failure of the existing residence.
- ☒ The type of construction proposed meets or exceeds the minimum provisions for wall and roof-ceiling construction in accordance with the 2025 CRC Chapters 6 and 8.
- ☒ The foundation system proposed meets or exceeds the minimum requirements in accordance with the 2025 CBC Section 1809.7 Prescriptive Footings for Light-Frame Construction.
- ☒ A minimum allowable soil bearing pressure of 1500 PSF has been utilized for the design of foundation systems as shown in the 2025 CRC Table R401.4.1[1][2].
- ☒ The proposed area of work on the site does not exceed a maximum 20% slope.

Print Name: _____

Licensed Architect or Engineer

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building Division

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Design Professional Stamp