City of Cerritos
Department of Community Development
18125 Bloomfield Avenue Cerritos, CA 90703
Phone: (562) 916-1201
Website: permits.cerritos.gov

GRADING APPLICATION GUIDE

How to Apply

1) Visit **permits.cerritos.gov** and set up a user account. Click "Log In" at top right corner. Select "Create a Profile". Then, enter contact information, and create a password.

2) The following supplemental attachments are required to be uploaded online for your application to be deemed complete:
   - ☐ Plans
   - ☐ Acknowledgement to employ consultants (Form A) (page 2).
   - ☐ Acceptance of employment by consultants (Form B) (page 3).
   - ☐ Declaration Form (page 4).
     - If owner-builder, complete columns 1 and 3.
     - If contractor, complete columns 2 and 3.

All attachments must be uploaded as PDF documents.

The City will accept either an official digital signature or a scanned copy of a wet signature. Digital signatures must be timestamped through a digital signature platform, such as the "Fill & Sign" tool of the free Adobe Reader, DocuSign, or any other digital signature.

3) Business License Requirement
   ☐ If applying as a contractor, please upload a copy of the Contractor State License Pocket Card. If you are applying as an agent on behalf of the owner or licensed contractor, you will need to also upload a notarized Letter of Authorization. A Letter of Authorization is only valid for one (1) year from the date of the authorized letter. Undated letters are not accepted. Notary stamps must be legible and valid. You are required to obtain a City Business License prior to permit issuance. You can apply for a City Business License at businesslicense.cerritos.gov. If you are applying as owner-builder, proof of property ownership is required to be submitted.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201.

(To Be Completed by the Owner(s))
City of Cerritos
Department of Community Development
Building & Safety Division

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO EMPLOY CONSULTANTS
Document "A"

Grading Plan Check No. _____ Date Filed: _____

Grading Permit No. _____ Date Issued _____

Address/Location of Property: _____

Tentative Tract No: _____ or Legal Description: _____

Print Owner's Name: _____

The owner(s) of the above described property hereby acknowledge by signature(s) that, as a condition of the grading permit and during all work authorized by said permit, a registered civil engineer will be retained to perform the duties of field engineer in accordance with requirements of Chapter 70 of the Building Code, an further, that a soil engineer and/or engineering geologist (when required) will be employed to make tests, investigations and file the reports that may be required for compliance with said code.

Owner(s) Signature _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Field Engineer _____ Reg. No. _____
(Print Name)

Firm _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Soil Engineer _____ Reg. No. _____
(Print Name)

Firm _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Engineering Geologist _____ Reg.No. _____
(Print Name)

Firm _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

INSTRUCTION: THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY THE OWNER TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENT "B" TO THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION BEFORE THE GRADING PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED.

(To be completed by the Consultant)
City of Cerritos
Department of Community Development
Building & Safety Division

ACCEPTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT BY CONSULTANTS
Document "B"

Grading Plan Check No:_____ Date Filed_____

Grading Permit No:_____ Date Issued:_____

Address or Location of Property:_____

Tentative Tract No:_____ or

Legal Description:_____

Owner(s)_____ Telephone_____
(Print Name)

Address_____ City_____ State_____

The undersigned verify by signature(s) that they have been retained as consultant(s) and agree to notify the Building Official, Building and Safety Division, within 48 hours if such employment is terminated. It is further understood that all required reports are to be submitted to the Building and Safety Division by each consultant.

Field Engineer_____ Reg. No._____
(Signature)

Firm_____ Date_____

Address_____ Telephone_____

Soil Engineer_____ Reg. No._____
(Signature)

Firm _____ Date_____

Address_____ Telephone_____

Engineering Geologist_____ Reg. No._____
(Signature)

Firm_____ Date_____

Address_____ Telephone_____

INSTRUCTIONS: THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENT "A" , TO THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION BEFORE THE GRADING PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED. EACH CONSULTANT MAY COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL FORM SEPARATELY.

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LOCALITY

COLUMN 1

OWNER-BUILDER DECLARATION

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the Contractors' State License Law for the reason(s) indicated below by the checkmark(s) I have placed next to the applicable item(s) (Section 7031.5, Business and Professions Code): Any city or county that requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applicant for the permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt from licensure and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars ($500).)

(___) I, as owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do (__) all of or (__) portions of the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale (Section 7044, Business and Professions Code: The Contractors' State License Law does not apply to an owner of property who, through employees' or personal effort, builds or improves the property, provided that the improvements are not intended or offered for sale. If, however, the building or improvement is sold within one year of completion, the Owner-Builder will have the burden of proving that it was not built or improved for the purpose of sale.)

(__) I, as owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed Contractors to construct the project (Section 7044, Business and Professions Code. The Contractor's State License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contractors for the projects with a license Contractor pursuant to the Contractors' State License Law.).

(__) I am exempt from licensure under the Contractors' State License Law for the following reason:

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By my signature below I acknowledge that, except for my personal residence in which I must have resided for at least one year prior to completion of the improvements covered by this permit, I cannot legally sell a structure that I have built as an owner-builder if it has not been constructed in its entirety by licensed contractors. I understand that a copy of the applicable law, Section 7044 of the Business and Professions Code, is available upon request when this application is submitted or at the following Web site: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html.

Date: _____

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Signature of Property Owner of Authorized Agent

COLUMN 2

LICENSED CONTRACTOR'S DECLARATION

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am licensed under provisions of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, and my license is in full force and effect.

License Class _____ License No. _____

Date _____ Contractor Signature _____

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DECLARATION

WARNING: FAILURE TO SECURE WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE IS UNLAWFUL AND SHALL SUBJECT AN EMPLOYER TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL FINES UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000), IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF COMPENSATION, DAMAGES ARE PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 3706 OF THE LABOR CODE, INTEREST, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury one of the following declarations:

___ I have and will maintain a certificate of consent to self-insure for workers' compensation, issued by the Director of Industrial Relations as provided for by Section 3700 of the Labor Code, for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued.

Policy No. _____

___ I have and will maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by Section 3700 of the Labor Code, for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued. My workers' compensation insurance carrier and policy number are:

_____ _____ _____

Carrier Policy Number Expiration Date

_____ _____

Name of Agent Phone Number

___ I certify that, in the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject to the workers' compensation laws of California, and agree that, if I should become subject to the workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall forthwith comply with those provisions

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Signature of Applicant Date

COLUMN 3

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DECLARATION

Will the applicant or future building occupant handle a hazardous material or a mixture containing a hazardous material equal to or greater than the amount specified on the hazardous material information guide?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Will the intended use of the building by the applicant or future building occupant require a permit for construction or modification from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)? See permitting checklist for guidelines.

Yes ☐ No ☐

I have read the hazardous materials information guide and the SCAQMD permitting checklist. I understand my requirements under the Los Angeles County Code Title 2, Chapter 220 Sections 220.100 through 220.140 concerning hazardous material reporting and for obtaining a permit from the SCAQMD.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

☐ Notification letter sent to SCAQMD or EPA

☐ I declare that notification of asbestos removal is not applicable to addressed project.

DECLARATION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION LENDING AGENCY

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that there is a Construction lending agency for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued (Section 3097, Civil Code)

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Lender's Name

_____

Lender's Address

By my signature below, I certify to each of the following:
I am the property owner or authorized to act on the property owner's behalf.
I have read this application and the information I have provided is correct.
I agree to comply with all applicable city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction.
I authorize representatives of this county to enter the above-identified property for inspection purposes.

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Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent

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Date