

Waiver of Soils Testing Requirements for Additions, Remodels, and Detached Accessory Structures



This waiver may be used in lieu of providing soils reports for additions, remodels, and detached accessory structures in the Town of Gilbert.

Project Name: _____ Plan No.: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

To be completed and signed by OWNER before a building permit is issued.

I, _____ (printed owner name), hereby waive the Gilbert Code requirement to provide Gilbert Development Services with a soil test report specifying bearing soil capacities and classifications of soil for my prospective addition/remodel/detached accessory structure.

As part of this waiver, I hereby certify the following:

1. **All footings**, including isolated column footings shall be located with their bearing at eighteen inches (18") minimum below lowest adjacent undisturbed soil or engineer certified compacted grade within 5'-0" and shall be:
 - a) **Provided with** a minimum effective soil bearing capacity of one-thousand five-hundred pounds per square foot (1500 psf).
 - b) **Designed for** a maximum effective bearing pressure of one-thousand five-hundred pounds per square foot (1500 psf).
2. I understand that soils testing would be required under building code without this waiver and that soils testing is recommended in Gilbert due to the expansive nature of soils in the community.
3. I acknowledge that without a soils test, damage may ultimately result to my project from insufficient bearing pressure, expansive soil, or soil with other questionable characteristics.

Owner's Signature

Date

If submitted by owner's agent, list your title and relationship to project and furnish a letter signed by the owner authorizing you as owner's agent.

Development Services

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