

CRITICAL AREAS EXEMPTION – Small Slopes

Section 20.80.030.G

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The code reads:

“Activities occurring in areas which may be considered small steep slopes (areas of 40 percent slope or greater with a vertical elevation change of up to, but not greater than 20 feet), such as berms, retaining walls, excavations and small natural slopes, and activities on steep slopes created through prior legal grading activity may be exempted based upon City review of a soils report prepared by a qualified geologist or geotechnical engineer which demonstrates that no adverse impact will result from the exemption;”

*emphasis added

If small slopes of 40% or greater are exempt from the critical areas ordinance, it should also follow that small slopes less than 40%, that would otherwise be considered geologic hazard areas, should also be exempted by this provision.

Director

Date