



## Application for Waiver of Fees

Section 17951.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) allows the County to waive or reduce building permit fees when a veteran who has a Qualifying Disability is making improvements to his or her home to accommodate that disability.

“Qualifying Disability,” is defined in HSC Section 1795.5(b) as a disability that is recognized as service connected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Some improvements that could be covered under the program include converting steps to ramps, converting showers and bathtubs, raising or lowering countertop heights, vision or hearing improvements, adding wheelchair lifts, and widening door frames for wheelchair accessibility. Please complete the following application and provide the necessary documentation to show that the proposed project qualifies for the waiver or reduction in fees.

### Project Information

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work Necessary to Accommodate Disability: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For the purpose of a fee waiver, a qualifying disability may be demonstrated in one of two ways:

1. A Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) card issued by US Department of Veterans Affairs which identifies a Qualifying Disability; or
2. A San Joaquin County Health Care Card and a letter of determination which identifies a Qualifying Disability issued by the San Joaquin County Veteran's Services Office.

CDD is proposing to waive all building permit fees charged by the Community Development Department that are for improvements to a home to accommodate a Veteran's Qualifying Disability. However, at the time of building permit application CDD also collects mandated fees for other entities. These fees may include State mandated fees or fees associated with other County departments and will still be collected.