

**APPLICATION FOR UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP DETERMINATION
FOR ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES – UNDER 2025 VALUATION THRESHOLD****BPC-015****PURPOSE**

When improvements are made to existing commercial and multi-family structures, Section 11B-202.4 of the current adopted version of the California Building Code (CBC) allows for an exception in lieu of bringing the entire structure or facility up to compliance with current code standards for accessibility requirements. CBC 11B-202.4, Exception 8, states that projects with a construction cost less than the current (based on ENR Construction Cost Index Amount) valuation threshold (including the cumulative valuation of projects within a 3-year period) are eligible to provide disabled access upgrades not exceeding 20% of the cost of construction, in the required priority as listed below. Refer to Permit Sonoma instructions [BPC-004 Nonresidential & Multifamily Housing Submittal Guidelines](#) for guidelines on plans, details, and supporting documents required for nonresidential Building Permit applications.

VALUATION THRESHOLD AMOUNT: \$203,611.00**YEAR: 2025****TO APPLY**

The owner/applicant/architect shall complete and submit this form with the permit application. An accessibility site review will be completed and Permit Sonoma Plan Check staff will determine if the exemption may be granted. A review fee is required for this service.

Date _____ Owner _____
Building Permit Number _____ Owner Phone Number _____
Site Address _____ Applicant _____
City / Zip _____ Applicant Phone Number _____

In choosing which accessibility elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:

1. Accessible entrance;
2. Accessible route to the altered area;
3. At least one accessible restroom for each gender;
4. Accessible telephones;
5. Accessible drinking fountains;
6. Parking, signs, storage and alarms.

Contractor's Estimated Cost

- A. Cost of Construction (excluding accessibility upgrade): _____
- B. 20% of A _____

☐ By checking this box, the applicant or owner certifies that the facility and scope of work is in compliance with current accessibility regulations. This statement is subject to Permit Sonoma verification via an accessibility site review. Plan review approval may be greatly delayed if non-compliant items are identified at the accessibility site review.

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List the Upgrade Expenditures and their respective construction costs below:

Item	Upgrade Expenditures	Construction Cost
1.	_____	\$ _____
2.	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	\$ _____
5.	_____	\$ _____
6.	_____	\$ _____
7.	_____	\$ _____
8.	_____	\$ _____
Total Upgrade Expenditures (must equal or exceed Line B on Page 1)		\$ _____

This application establishes the grounds for a hardship exception under Section 11B-202.4 of the current adopted version of the CBC. I further acknowledge that if the exception is approved, I will provide accessibility upgrade expenditures as agreed to and required by CBC Section 11B-202.4. The following individuals provided information listed in the above section:

Applicant (please print)_____

Owner (please print)_____

Signature_____

Signature_____

Date_____

Date_____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERMIT SONOMA STAFF

The application for a hardship exception has been filed with this office. The following action was taken:

- ☐ The above-named project has been denied an unreasonable hardship exemption for the following reason(s):

- ☐ The above-named project has been granted an unreasonable hardship exemption from the requirements of the State of California CCR-Title 24 (Regulation for the Accommodation for the Disabled) pursuant to the current adopted version of the CBC.

Date of Approval/Denial_____ BLD Permit Number_____

Permit Sonoma Staff_____ Signature_____