



COUNTY OF LAKE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Building & Safety Division
 Courthouse - 255 N. Forbes Street
 Lakeport, California 95453
 Telephone 707/263-2382 or 994-6285

2015 GENERAL GRADING QUESTIONNAIRE

GE _____

Project Location

Site Address: _____ City: _____

Assessor's Parcel #: _____ Soil Type: _____ EHR: _____

Property Owner/Agent

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

This General Grading Questionnaire is designed to help you and the Community Development Department determine whether a grading permit is required for your project. Please answer all of the following questions, provide project location, and sign the back of the questionnaire. This questionnaire refers to non-agricultural grading. **If your project is agricultural in nature, please complete an Agricultural Grading Questionnaire.**

YES NO

- 1. Is the excavation for a sewage disposal system, tank, vault, tunnel basement, well pad, utility, or swimming pool for which you do not have a valid building or Environmental Health permit?
- 2. Is your project to stockpile rock, sand, or aggregate used in construction of a building for which you do not have a valid building permit?
- 3. Will you excavate or fill more than 50 yds³ of material?
- 4. Will you make a cut greater than 2 ft in depth?
- 5. Will you make a cut slope more than 5 ft high or steeper than 2:1?
- 6. Will you put fill deeper than 1 ft and created to support structures?
- 7. Will the fill be placed on previously disturbed terrain steeper than 5:1 slope?
- 8. Will the fill be more than 3 ft deep and not intended to support structures?
- 9. Is the grading proposing the widening or lengthening of an existing road, trail, firebreak or driveway?

10. If your excavation will create a building pad for which you have a valid building permit:

- a) Will it clear more than 10,000 ft² of native vegetation?
- b) Will it disturb more than 500 yds³ of material?
- c) Will it occur in serpentine soil?
- d) Does the site contain any sensitive species or habitat?
- e) Will it occur on slopes greater than 25% grade?
- f) Will it create a filled area for the support of a structure?
- g) Will it alter any existing drainage?
- h) Will it occur in a FEMA mapped floodway?
- i) Will it occur within the watercourse corridor of a Class I, II or III watercourse, lake, wetland or vernal pool?
- j) Does the site contain archaeological or historical resources?
- k) Will grading occur during the winter period?

11. If the grading is for the purpose of clearing understory vegetation:

- a) Will the clearing be greater than 3 acres in total area?
- b) Will the clearing remove mature trees greater than 5 inches DBH?
- c) Will the clearing remove more than 50% crown cover?
- d) Is the clearing on soils with a severe erosion hazard rating?
- e) Is the clearing within a watercourse corridor?
- f) Is the clearing in an area with the potential for the presence of special status plant or animal species?

12. If the grading is for a new firebreak:

- a) Will it disturb more than 1 acre?
- b) Will it disturb more than 50 yds³ of material?
- c) Will it occur in serpentine soil?
- d) Does the site contain any sensitive species or habitat?
- e) Will it occur on slopes greater than 25% grade?
- f) Will it create a filled area for the support of a structure?
- g) Will it alter any existing drainage?
- h) Will it occur in a FEMA mapped floodway?
- i) Will it occur within the watercourse corridor of a Class I, II or III watercourse, lake, wetland or vernal pool?
- j) Does the site contain archaeological or historical resources?
- k) Will grading occur during the winter period?

13. If your project is for clearing of vegetation that does not qualify under another category of exemption:

- a) Will it clear more than 10,000 square feet in a two year period?
- b) Will it disturb more than 50 yds³ of material?
- c) Will it occur in serpentine soil?
- d) Does the site contain any sensitive species or habitat?
- e) Will it occur on slopes greater than 25% grade?
- f) Will it create a filled area for the support of a structure?
- g) Will it alter any existing drainage?
- h) Will it occur in a FEMA mapped floodway?
- i) Will it occur within the watercourse corridor of a Class I, II or III watercourse, lake, wetland or vernal pool?
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- k) Will grading occur during the winter period?

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Community Development Department. If all questions were answered NO, a grading permit is not required; if any question was answered YES, a grading permit may be required. Please complete a grading permit application and speak with Community Development Department Staff to determine the type of grading permit you will need.

Certification Statement

I certify that I am the owner, or have authority to act on behalf of the owner, of the above-described property and do certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and, further, that I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the County of Lake, its officers, and employees, for any damage and/or expenses arising as a result of incorrect answer(s) to any of the above questions.

Owner/Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The Community Development Director has determined that the proposed grading project
does () does not ()
meet the requirements of Section 30-17.4 of the Lake County Code and hereby
issues () denies ()
said grading permit exemption.

Date _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Comments: _____
