### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



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# LOW-CARBON CONCRETE CODE

## **EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM**

#### WHAT IS THE LOW-CARBON CONCRETE CODE?

The City's Low-Carbon Concrete Code (LCC) applies to all building permits submitted on or after July 13, 2024 and reduces Portland Cement or Global Warming Potential in concrete in all **newly constructed buildings**. In adopting these regulations the City is taking action in an effort to avoid greenhouse gas emissions related to new buildings. More information can be found on-line here.

#### ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes, this code gives the Building Official the authority to grant exemptions to the Low-Carbon Concrete Code when it is either: (1) There is a lack of commercially available material necessary to comply with this code; or (2) the cost of compliance is disproportionate to the cost of the entire project or would cause significant cost impact; or (3) There is need for an emergency purchase made in conformance with Section 2.24.240. Request an exemption by completing the fillable PDF Exemption Request Form (page 2) and e-mailing the entire form to peter.roquemore@santamonica.gov.

#### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL?

If you are considering an exemption request, please be aware that the burden of proof to substantiate the request is on the project architect or engineer. You must demonstrate due diligence by providing thorough supporting research and analysis to establish that it is there is a lack of commercially available material, or the cost of compliance is disproportionate to the cost of the entire project.

#### Lack of Available Supply Exemption:

 Provide evidence of lack of commercially available semi-cementicious materials (SCMs) on letter head from at least two concrete suppliers.

#### **Cost Exemption:**

• Provide evidence of disproportionate or significant cost impact including price quotes on letter head from at least two different concrete suppliers.

# LOW CARBON CONCRETE EXEMPTION REQUEST

☐ A. Lack of Available Supply			
☐ B. Disproportionate Cost			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Address:	BLD Record #:		
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):			
PROPERTY OWNER			
Name:			
Email:	Phone:		
APPLICANT INFORMATION (Architect or Engineer)			
Name:	Title (Architect, etc.):		
Email:	Phone:		
CA License Number:			

## DESCRIBE REQUEST & PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION

Provide a brief description of the project and list the number and type of concrete applications requested for exemption. Provide sheet number, detail, or describe location where concrete application is shown in submitted permit plan set. Only concrete applications listed here will be considered.

**Further Explanation Attached** 

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Assigned Staff:		•	Staff Recommendation:	
Staff Signature:			Approve Request as Stated	
Date:			Deny Request as Stated	
Project Address:		Plan Check Number:		
Office of Sustainability and the Environment Comments:				
CITY'S DETERMINATION				
THE REQUEST IS:	APPROVED	DENIED	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS	
Ву:	Title:		Date:	
EXPLANATION OF DECISION OR CONDITIONS:				

#### **Standard Conditions and Instructions**

- 1. If the installation of non low-carbon concrete is allowed, it shall only be permitted for the applications and quantities listed on this form.
- 2. If request is approved, this form MUST be reproduced on the plans before the permit is issued.
- 3. If the request is denied, a revised request can be submitted.