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City Map Viewer: NHRA Exemptions Guide

This guide is supplement to the City of Cape Town Viewer Quick Help Guide.

The following guide aims to assist in determining whether your property falls within a National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) Exemption Area and whether your property is listed on the Heritage Register.

In the standard applications process when submitting a building plan application and where it is confirmed that a building is older than 60 years, an applicant is required to upload the Heritage Western Cape approval document as confirmation. It is proposed that a map viewer extract be uploaded in place of Heritage Western Cape approval when the property falls within an NHRA Exemption area.

STEP 1: Open the [City of Cape Town Map Viewer](#).

A standard disclaimer tab will pop up on your screen. Please Click on

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If you are new to CityMap viewer and need some assistance with the updated platform, please Click on YES. If you do not need a tour, please Click on NO and the viewer will automatically open.

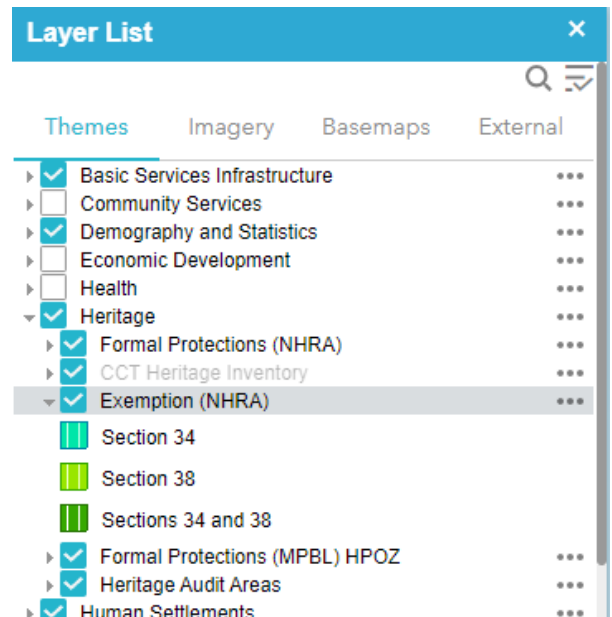
New to the CityMap Viewer?

Would you like to take a tour?

Yes No

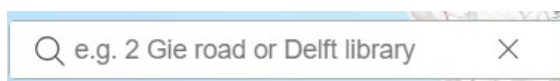
STEP 2: Activate the Heritage Theme layers

- Under the Themes Tab, find the Heritage Theme
- Expand the Heritage theme by activating the arrow toggle next to the Heritage tag
- Ensure that the Formal Protections (NHRA) layer is turned on (i.e. ☒)
- Ensure that the Exemption (NHRA) layer is turned on (i.e. ☒)



STEP 3: How to check whether your property is located within an area exempted from the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) S34/38 i.e. Exemption (NHRA) area.

- Type the address of your property in the finder window



The map viewer will automatically take you to the location you have entered.
The property you have queried will be identified by a location pin.



- To view the heritage information about the specific property, navigate to the Identify Tool and make sure the tool is active.



- Click on the Spatial tab and expand the Exemption (NHRA) layer

The screenshot shows the 'Identify' tool interface. On the left, the 'Spatial' tab is active, showing a list of layers: 'Property - Registered', 'Exemption (NHRA)', 'Heritage Inventory', and 'City of Cape Town Boundary'. The 'Exemption (NHRA)' layer is selected. An arrow points from this layer to the 'Results' pane on the right. The 'Results' pane displays the following information:

Exemption (NHRA)	
SL_HRTG_ADT_AREA_KEY	107
Audit Area Name	Parow North Voortrekker Road
Audit Area Subtype	Not for Conservation
Heritage Conservation Status	NHRA Exemption S34 & S38
Audit Area Status	Declared
Statement of Significance	Area largely not older than 60 years. Reduction of red tape to stimulate appropriate development in an area where there is little or no potential negative impact on heritage resources.
Specific Provisions	No permit required from HWC in terms of S34 & S38. Heritage Register sites are managed by HPOZ
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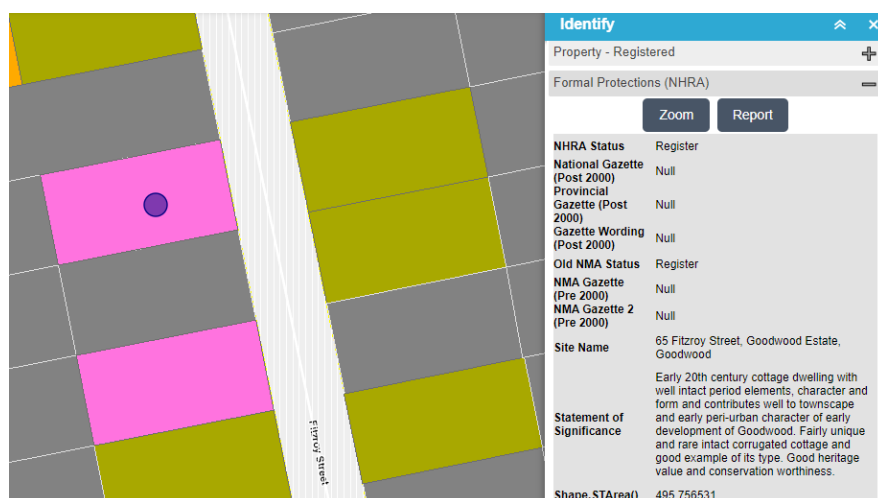
- Note: No permit required from HWC in terms of S34 and S38.
- Heritage Register sites are managed by HPOZ (LUMS)

Conservation Status	Audit Area Status	What does this mean?
NHRA Exemption S34	Declared	Notice published in Provincial Gazette No legal requirement for heritage permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act for: - any alteration or demolition of building older than 60 years BUT - any development changing the character of an area requiring a heritage impact assessment process as stipulated by S38 of the NHRA still applies
NHRA Exemption S34 & S38	Declared	Notice published in Provincial Gazette No legal requirement for heritage permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act for: - any alteration or demolition of building older than 60 years AND/OR - any development changing the character of an area as stipulated in S38 of the NHRA
NHRA Exemption S38*	Declared	Notice published in Provincial Gazette No legal requirement for heritage permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act for: - any development changing the character of an area as stipulated by S38 BUT - any alteration or demolition of building older than 60 years in terms of S34 of the NHRA still applies

* Unlikely

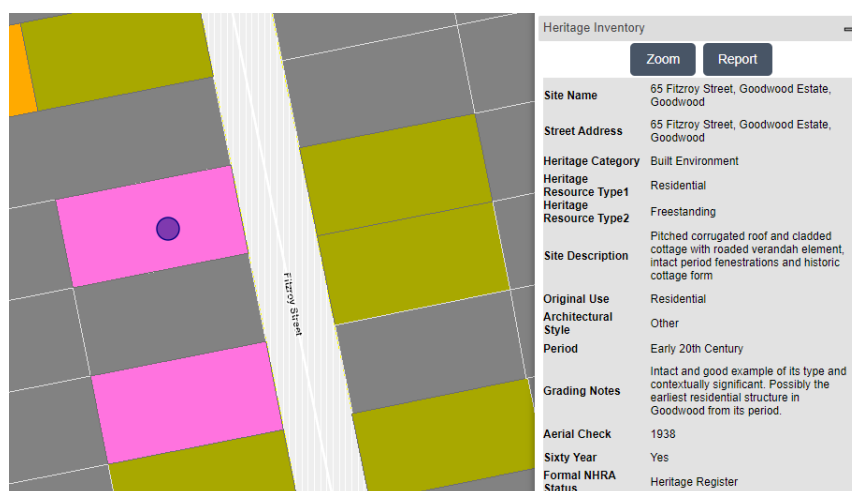
STEP 4: Now that you have determined that you are in an Exemption (NHRA) area, please check whether your property is listed on the Heritage Register.

- Click the Identify Tool on the property marked by the location pin. A dialogue box will open on the right of the screen. Expand the Formal Protections (NHRA) tab or the Heritage Inventory tab



The Heritage Register is a formal protection in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. If your property is on the Heritage Register AND it falls in an NHRA Exemption area, then you are not required to apply for a permit to Heritage Western Cape (this is exempt).

Only Heritage Register properties need heritage permission, and the application must be circulated to E&HM via the HPOZ/LUMS process for heritage consent.



Formal Protections (NHRA)	Heritage Inventory	What does this mean?
NHRA Status	Formal NHRA Status	
Register	Heritage Register	- The property in question is formally protected in terms of the NHRA - The Heritage Protection Overlay zoning in the MPBL is triggered - LUMS application process applies - E&HM consent is required as part of the City Application process
Layer will NOT display	Null	- No permit required from HWC - Usual BDM application process applies - No comment from E&HM even if building is older than 60 years

STEP 5: Generate a PDF report

- Refer to Step 3: On the Exemption
- Click on the Spatial tab and expand the Exemption (NHRA) layer
- Click Report

The image shows two windows from a GIS application. On the left is the 'Identify' window, which has tabs for 'Identify' and 'Results'. The 'Identify' tab is active, showing a 'Click to Identify' button and a 'Clear' button. Below these are three tabs: 'Spatial', 'Attributes', and 'Links'. The 'Spatial' tab is selected, showing a list of layers: 'Property - Registered', 'Exemption (NHRA)', 'Heritage Inventory', and 'City of Cape Town Boundary'. Each layer has a plus icon to its right. A blue arrow points from the 'Exemption (NHRA)' layer to the right window. On the right is the 'Exemption (NHRA)' report window. It has a 'Zoom' button and a 'Report' button. Below these is a table with the following data:

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- Repeat process for relevant heritage layers
- Save report generated as PDF

NHRA Exemption layer

The image shows a map of the City of Cape Town. The map is divided into a grid of colored polygons representing different heritage areas. The colors include yellow, orange, pink, and green. A blue dot is located on one of the pink polygons. Below the map is a table with the following data:

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NHRA Formal Protection

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NHRA Status	Register
National Gazette (Post 2000)	Null
Provincial Gazette (Post 2000)	Null
Gazette Wording (Post 2000)	Null
Old NMA Status	Register
NMA Gazette (Pre 2000)	Null
NMA Gazette 2 (Pre 2000)	Null
Site Name	65 Fitzroy Street, Goodwood Estate, Goodwood
Statement of Significance	Early 20th century cottage dwelling with well intact period elements, character and form and contributes well to townscape and early peri-urban character of early development of Goodwood. Fairly unique and rare intact corrugated cottage and good example of its type. Good heritage value and conservation worthiness.
Management Notes	Declaration extent checked 22/04/2020
Shape.STArea1	495.758531

STEP 6: Upload the CityMap viewer generated PDF report as part of your documentation upload when making an application.

REMEMBER:

In a NHRA exemption area, a Heritage Western Cape permit is not required.

Only Heritage Register properties need to be circulated to E&HM for HPOZ consent.