



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 ☒ to agree with the terms and conditions, then press OK.

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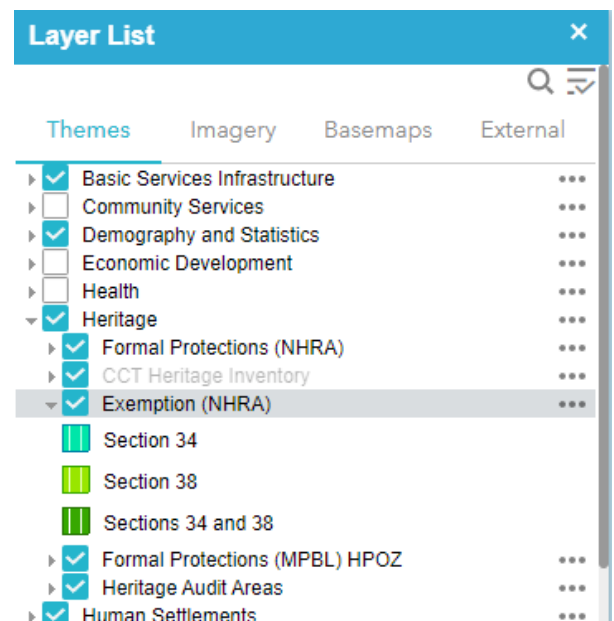
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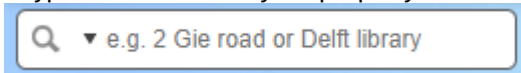
STEP 2: Activate the Heritage Theme layers

- Expand the Heritage theme on the Layer List 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



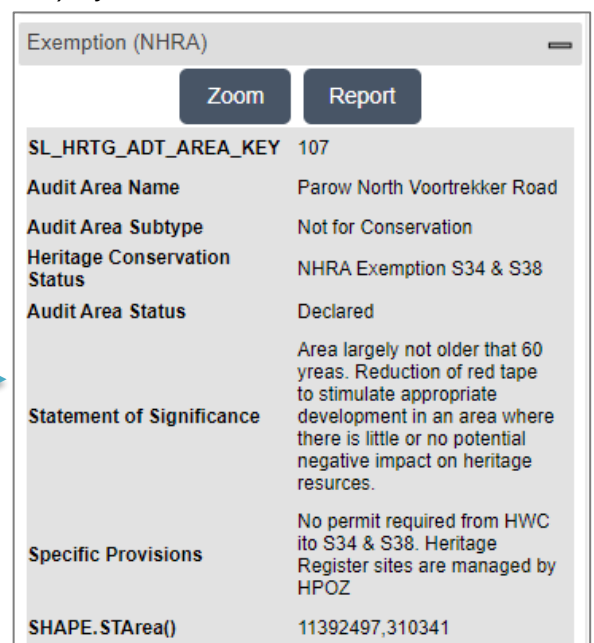
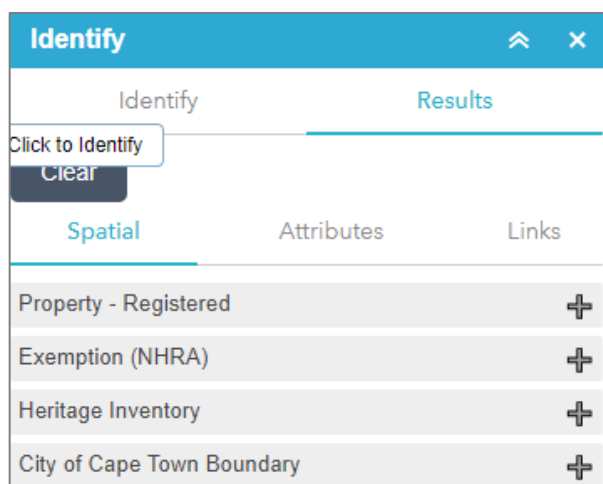
The map viewer will automatically take you to the location you have entered.
The property you have queried will be identified by a location pin.



- To view the information about the specific property, click on the identify tool to activate it, and click on the property identified by the location pin.



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



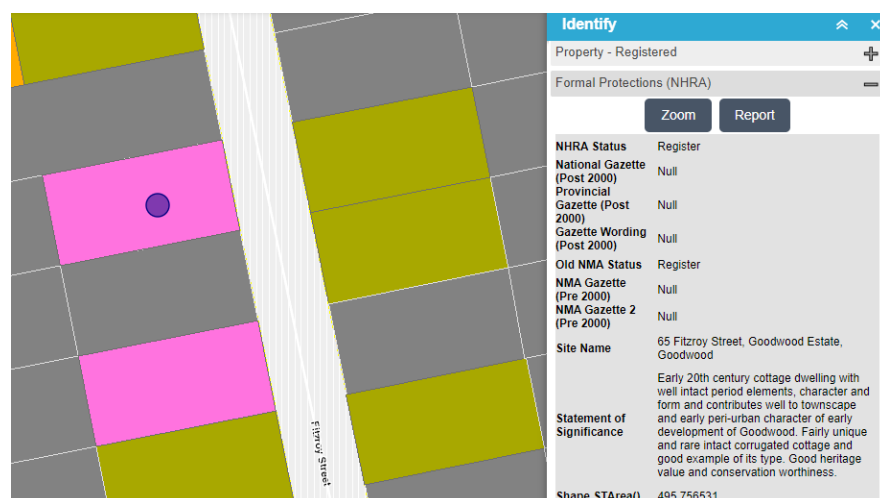
- Note: No permit required from HWC in terms of S34 and S38. Heritage Register sites are managed by HPOZ

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

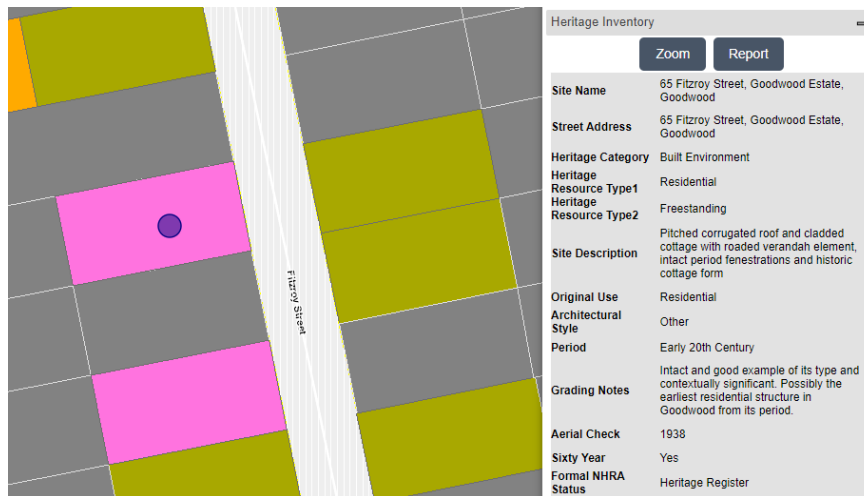
* Unlikely

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



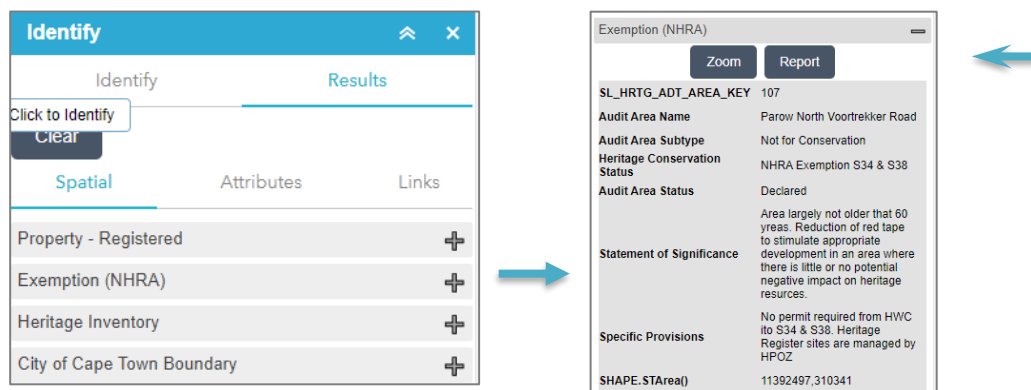
The Heritage Register is a formal protection in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. If your property is on the Heritage Register AND it falls in an NHRA Exemption area, then you are not required to apply for a permit to Heritage Western Cape (this is exempt). However, the HPOZ, being the tool within the MPBL for managing heritage now applies, and your application must be circulated to E&HM via the 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

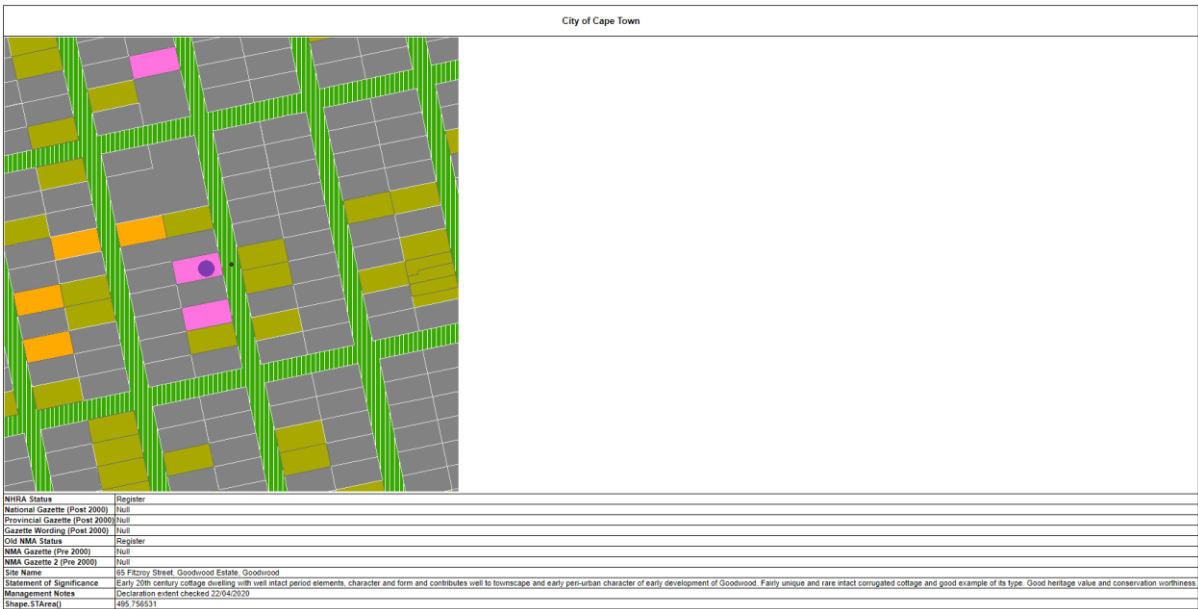


- Repeat process for relevant heritage layers
- Save report generated as PDF

NHRA Exemption layer



NHRA Formal Protection



STEP 6: Upload the CityMap viewer generated PDF report as part of your documentation upload when making an application. In a NHRA exemption area, a Heritage Western Cape permit is not required.