

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Craig Johnson, Building Official, Planning & Development

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN:** Countywide

**Case No.:**21ORD-00000-00004

**Location:** Countywide

**Project Title:** Amendments to Chapter 10, Building Regulations

**Project Description:** 21ORD-00000-00004, that amends Chapter 10, Building Regulations of the Santa Barbara County Code to adopt Emergency Housing Codes, Appendix O of the 2019 California Building Code.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a project\_

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(5)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

The ordinance amendment adds Emergency Housing Codes, Appendix O of the 2019 of the California Building Code to Chapter 10, Building Regulations of Santa Barbara County Code without making any local amendments to Appendix O. The adoption of this code is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment. Once adopted locally, Appendix O provides standards for emergency shelter projects in lieu of compliance with local building approval procedures or state housing, health, habitability, planning and zoning, or safety standards, procedures, and laws, may adopt by ordinance reasonable local standards and procedures for the design, site development, and operation of

homeless shelters and the structures and facilities therein. Future emergency shelter projects constructed using the provisions of Appendix O would still be subject to local zoning permits as set forth in the Zoning Ordinances and would separately need to comply with CEQA, as applicable. CEQA analysis of such projects at this time is too speculative because the details and sites are unknown.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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