

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Whitney Wilkinson, Senior Planner, 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:** Not Applicable      **Case No.:** Not Applicable

**Location:** Countywide

**Project Title:** Coastal Short-Term Rentals (STR) Ordinance Briefing

**Project Description:** Planning and Development staff has prepared a staff report and is seeking the County Board of Supervisors' (Boards') guidance on how to proceed regarding the regulation of STRs in the Coastal Zone. The purpose of the staff report and corresponding hearing is for the Board to: (1) receive further input and guidance regarding the Board's direction provided at the August 28, 2018, hearing and the new analysis provided by staff in response to this direction; (2) receive a report on the STR regulatory approach options the Board previously considered and dismissed but may want to revisit; and (3) consider STR regulations of other local jurisdictions that the California Coastal Commission has recently certified.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Sections:** 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5)

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. Pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not a project.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The administrative activity of receiving and filing a report, and providing direction, on the Coastal STR Ordinance scope-of-work will not create a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. The Board's direction will result in the

drafting of potential amendments to the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II amendments), but does not approve of any actual amendments at this time. Therefore, there is no potential of direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. If or when the Article II amendments return for action by the Board, a separate CEQA determination will be made. Therefore, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15060(c)(3), the administrative activity of delivering a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the Coastal STR Ordinance scope-of-work administrative activity described above is not a “project” that is subject to CEQA environmental review.

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