

ATTACHMENT B: 11ORD-00000-00012 COUNTY LUDC

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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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(s): Not applicable.

Case No.: 11ORD-00000-00012

Location: The proposed ordinance amendment would apply solely to the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located outside the Montecito Community Plan Area and not including the Coastal Zone.

Project Title: County Land Use and Development Code General Package Ordinance Amendment.

Project Description: 11ORD-00000-00012 proposes to amend Article 35.2, Zones and Allowable Land Uses, Article 35.4, Standards for Specific Land Uses, Article 35.5, Oil and Gas, Wind Energy and Cogeneration Facilities, Division 35.8, Planning Permit Procedures, Article 35.10, Land Use and Development Code Administration, and Article 35.11, Glossary, of Section 35-1, the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County Code, to regarding:

- Abalone shell processing - delete abalone shell processing as a use allowed with a Conditional Use Permit in the AG-II zone.
- Animal keeping - allow the keeping of household pets accessory to a residence in all zones that allow residential uses.
- Campground/Recreational Vehicles - correct errors that were made when translating Article III Inland Zoning Ordinance language into the County Land Use and Development Code.
- Conditional Use Permits and Development Plans phasing agreements - include procedures to allow the review authority to approve phasing agreements concurrently with Conditional Use Permits and Development Plans for project that are expected to take several years to complete.
- Exploration and Production Plans, Demolition and Reclamation Permits - Provide that the Zoning Administrator is the decision-maker (review authority) for demolition and reclamation permits that may be appealed to the Coastal Commission and include processing requirements, and allow revisions to approved Demolition and Reclamation Permits and Exploration and Production Plans through the Substantial Conformity and Amendment process.
- Indemnification agreements - Require the submittal of an agreement to indemnify the County as part of an application for a planning permit.
- Land Use Permits expiration periods - include expiration and time extension procedures for Land Use Permits.
- Micro-breweries/wineries - include within definition of Bar, Pub.
- Modifications not associated with Conditional Use Permits and Development Plans - clarify language regarding allowable modifications not associated with Conditional Use Permits and Development Plans, and provide a waived hearing process.

- Motor vehicle and material storage - include regulations pertaining to the storage of motor vehicles and material on residential zoned property.
- Residential second units - allow in addition to a farm employee dwelling if the lot is zoned AG-I.
- Shopping Center Zone Similar Use Determinations - shift review authority from Planning Commission to Director for similar use determinations within established shopping centers.
- Substantial Conformity Determinations/Amendments Procedures - Include process requirements for applications for Substantial Conformity Determinations and Amendments to discretionary permits.
- Surface Mining/Reclamation Plan process - shift permit requirement to implement a Conditional Use Permit for surface mining and reclamation from a Land Use Permit to a Zoning Clearance
- Trailers - allow for the storage of trailers other than recreational vehicles as a use accessory to a residence.
- Wastewater treatment systems - include a definition of alternative wastewater treatment system consistent with the County Public Health Department.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect Section 15061(b)(3)

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15061(b)(3) - No possibility of significant effect.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The proposed ordinance amendments primarily clarify existing development regulations and permit procedures and make minor text clarifications which would not result in an increase in permitted densities or modifications to resource protection policies. The proposed ordinance amendments will also revise existing permit processes to enhance efficiency, add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to specific land uses will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area, and correct and clarify existing text provisions. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of these ordinance revisions.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after project approval)

Hearing Support Staff
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