

ATTACHMENT B: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CASE NO. 11ORD-00000-00011

**CHAPTER 21 APPEALS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE PROCESS
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Planning and Development Department

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.

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Location: The proposed ordinance amendment would apply to the whole of the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

Project Title: Chapter 21 Appeals and Certificates of Compliance Process Ordinance Amendment.

Project Description: 11ORD-00000-00011 proposes to amend Chapter 21, Land Division, of the Santa Barbara County Code to update the procedures regarding accepting and processing of appeals, and to add procedures for processing certificates of compliance.

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), the general rule exemption, states that where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment that the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed amendment only serves to clarify and improve the existing appeals and certificates of compliance processes. The amendment does not affect any existing permit requirements for development, nor does it revise any existing development standards and policies that apply to applications for proposed development. Individual applications for appeals and certificates of compliance will still need to be found consistent with the policies and standards of the Comprehensive Plan including the Coastal Land Use Plan, the regional Community Plans, and the County and Montecito Land Use and Development Codes and Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance, to the extent allowed by the California Subdivision Map Act.

Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to result as a consequence of this ordinance amendment.

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 to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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