

## ATTACHMENT 5: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Daniel Klemann, Deputy Director, Long Range Planning Division, 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.

**Case Nos.:** Case No. 17ORD-00000-00010.

**Location:** The proposed ordinance would apply to all of the areas of the County of Santa Barbara under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Zoning Code (CZO).

**Project Title:** Reconsideration of the Cannabis Land Use Ordinances

**Project Description:** The project is the reconsideration of the following ordinance in order to accommodate minor changes since its adoption on February 6, 2018 to regulate the use of commercial cannabis activities:

An ordinance (17ORD-00000-00010) amending Section 35 of the Santa Barbara County CZO, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County 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:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** The State CEQA Guidelines Section 15265 (Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs) states that CEQA does not apply to activities and approvals pursuant to the California Coastal Act.

**Reasons to support exemption findings under Section 15265 (Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs):** The ordinance amendment (17ORD-00000-00010) adds new development standards and restrictions pertaining to personal and commercial cannabis activities, which will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the areas surrounding these activities. Section 15265 (Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs) provides that CEQA does not apply to activities and approvals pursuant to the California Coastal Act by any local government. The subject amendment constitutes an amendment to the County's certified Local Coastal Program, and therefore is required to receive final certification from the California Coastal Commission prior to becoming effective.

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**Date:** February 27, 2018

**Date of Final Action on Project:** February 27, 2018

**Distribution:** County Hearing Support Staff

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_