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Amy Blanchard
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SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION – ADU'S

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

In response to your question regarding CEQA Exemption for ADU's, State Guidelines require *A permit application for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall be considered and approved ministerially without discretionary review or a hearing, notwithstanding Section 65901 or 65906 or any local ordinance regulating the issuance of variances or special use permits* (Gov Code. Section 66317).

Therefore, ADU's and JADU's are to be considered exempt from CEQA review.

If you have any questions, please contact me via phone at (805) 925-0951, extension 2415 or by email at gvine@cityofsantamaria.org.

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