

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Community Services Department – Parks Division

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:** Various

**Location:** Santa Barbara County Courthouse Grounds

**Project Title:** User Fee Revisions

**Project Description:** Revisions to the current fee structure for facility use fees for special uses at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse grounds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Community Services, Parks

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15273 a (1), (2), (3), (4) Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges. (a) CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of: (1) Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, (2) Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials, (3) Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, (4) Obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** This project is an adjustment of fees and so meets the criteria of the statutory exemption. The revenue from the fees will not be used to fund the expansion of existing capital facilities.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval 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: Richard Corral  
Project file (when P&D permit is required) Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.