




**County of Santa Barbara
Planning and Development**

**Glenn S. Russell, Ph.D., Director
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TO: Staff and Interested Parties
FROM: Dr. Glenn S. Russell, Director 
DATE: June 15, 2017
RE: Determination that hoop structures are exempt from zoning permits in the County Land Use and Development Code

The following is a Director's Determination regarding the zoning permit requirement for hoop structures (also known as "berry hoops" and "hoop houses"). This Determination is made pursuant to Section 35.12.020 of the Land Use and Development Code ("Development Code").

The state Revenue and Taxation Code Section 6356.5 partially exempts certain "farm equipment and machinery" from California sales and use tax, and considers "single purpose agricultural or horticultural structures," such as hoop structures, to be farm equipment and machinery. As such, it is determined that hoop structures as defined in the Development Code and which are no greater than 20 feet tall are exempt from zoning permits.

Pursuant to Development Code section 35.102.040.A.3.a, this Determination may be appealed to the County Planning Commission. An appeal along with the appeal fee, must be filed no later than June 26, 2017.