NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Mason, Planning & Development

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: Countywide   **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Adoption of Land Development Fee Ordinance

Project Description:
Update of fee rates for Petroleum, Building, Film and Planning permits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)
_____   Ministerial
__X__   Statutory Exemption 15273 (a) (1)
_____   Categorical Exemption
_____   Emergency Project
_____   Declared Emergency
_____   No possibility of significant effect
__X__   Not a Project 15378(b)(5)

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15273 (a) (1) 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,

15378(b)(5) This action does not constitute a project:

(5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings:
This ordinance will modify fee rates to recover costs associated with permitting and code enforcement work. Costs for salaries and benefits for staff, as well as overhead costs attributable to the permit process have increased and are proposed to be recovered to through a fee adjustment.

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Department/Division Representative: _S. Mason_____   Date: 3-2-17

Acceptance Date: _____

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