

ATTACHMENT C: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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 of Santa Barbara (County) guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): Not applicable.

Case Nos.: N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Adoption of Land Development Fee Ordinance

Project Description:

Update the Planning and Development Department (P&D) fee rates for Petroleum, Building, Film, and Planning permits.

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15273 (a)(1) and 15378(b)(5)

Reasons to support exemption findings: The following provides a brief discussion of why the ordinance would be exempt from CEQA. Additional details regarding the proposed ordinance and fee study are included in the County Board of Supervisors Board Agenda Letter dated December 9, 2025.

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

Section 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.

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