

ATTACHMENT C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stephen Peterson, Project Manager, Comprehensive Planning 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(s): Not applicable

Case No.: 06ORD-00000-00003

Location: The proposed Ordinance Amendments would take place within the Old Town Orcutt area, which is comprised of approximately 200 acres on 400 parcels, generally west of State Route 135, east of U.S. Highway 1, north of Rice Ranch Road, and south of Orcutt Creek.

Project Title: Old Town Orcutt Article III Ordinance Amendments

Project Description:

The proposed ordinance amendment would revise the ordinance to transfer design review responsibilities from the County BAR and the Old Town Orcutt BAR to the North County BAR and would also require that all development within the PA-OTO overlay complies with the Design Guidelines and receives approval by the NBAR. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment text changes would ensure that development within the commercial core of Old Town would conform to the design guideline standards and would also create consistency between the Zoning Ordinance and the NBAR review procedures and would establish procedures and protocols for efficient and consistent architectural review of projects in Old Town.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

Ministerial

Statutory

Categorical Exemption

Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b)(3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: §15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment, consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves

procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

§15061(b)(3), the general rule exemption, states that where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment that the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: This exemption would apply because the ordinance amendments would simply transfer design review responsibilities from one review body (OTOBAR) to another (NBAR) resulting in no possibility of a significant effect on the environment. Amending language transferring design review responsibilities from the County BAR and the OTOBAR to the NBAR would result in no physical impacts. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment text changes would also require that development within the Pedestrian Area Overlay (PA-OTO) of Old Town would conform to the design guideline standards, which are intended to enhance and improve the aesthetic environment of Old Town Orcutt by providing detailed descriptions and graphic examples of architectural style that would complement the overall western oil town.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board 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.

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