

ATTACHMENT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Paul Clementi, 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.

Case Nos.: 11ORD-00000-00017, 11ORD-00000-00018

Location: The proposed ordinance amendments would apply to all the unincorporated areas of the County within the jurisdiction of the County Land Use and Development Code, and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II).

Title: Mobilehome Park Closure Ordinance

Description: The proposed ordinance involves all territory within Santa Barbara County that is presently used, or may in the future be used, as a mobilehome park, as defined within the ordinance. No physical development is proposed or would occur as a result of adoption of this ordinance. The ordinance is instead intended to offer greater specificity than State law currently provides as to the process by which a property owner or applicant may request a closure of an existing mobilehome park. Upon adoption the Mobilehome Park Closure Ordinance would: indicate what permits are required to close a mobilehome park, specify what information must be provided in a Closure Impact Report, and clarify what relocation assistance would be available to mobilehome owners or renters who would be displaced by the closure of a park or its conversion to another land use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Activity: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect Section 15061(b)(3)

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15061(b)(3) – No possibility of significant effect.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) [activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment]. No physical development is proposed as part of the ordinance. The ordinance merely clarifies the process by which applicants may request the closure of a mobilehome park, specifies what information must be provided in a Closure Impact Report, and specifies the relocation assistance the applicant must provide to displaced residents.

- **It will not lead to physical changes to or impacts on the environment.** This ordinance clarifies a process that is already provided for under State law. The proposed ordinance amendments would require discretionary processing through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission for all mobilehome park closures. Discretionary projects are subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act and associated findings.
- **It is not related to any anticipated land development or other activity affecting the environment.** The proposed ordinance is strictly related to defining the process by which mobilehome parks in the County may be closed, and is not related to any anticipated development. Any proposal to close a mobilehome park and any subsequent development of the mobilehome park would be subject to compliance with CEQA.
- **It will leave the affected parcels within the County’s zoning jurisdiction and will not result in any changes to existing or allowable uses for the affected parcels.** No change of land use or land use designation is proposed as part of the ordinance. The proposed ordinance neither rezones any parcels nor removes them from the jurisdiction of County land use decision makers. Land use authority will remain under the purview of the County Board of Supervisors.

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Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____