

ATTACHMENT H: ARTICLE II CZO 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 guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): Not applicable.

Case No.: 13ORD-00000-00008 County Land Use and Development Code

Location: The proposed ordinance amendment would apply solely to the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located outside of the Montecito Community Plan Area and outside of the Coastal Zone.

Project Title: 2013 General Package Ordinance Amendments.

Project Description: 13ORD-00000-00008 proposes to amend Article 35.2, Zones and Allowable Land Uses, Article 35.3, Site Planning and Other Project Standards, Article 35.4, Standards for Specific Land Uses, Article 35.8, Planning Permit Procedures, Article 35.10, Land Use and Development Code Administration, and Article 35.11, Glossary, of Section 35-1, the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County Code, regarding:

- Agricultural processing (extensive) definition - Deletes examples that are actually common practices.
- CN Zone - Include restaurants as a permitted use.
- Commercial zones - corrects permit and screening requirements for exterior uses.
- Comprehensive Plan, Development Code, and Zoning Map amendment process - Revise existing language and implement new procedures regarding the processing of amendments to the text and maps of the Comprehensive Plan, and the text and maps of the County Land Use and Development Code.
- Exterior storage screening requirements - Revise the existing language regarding the required screening for the exterior storage of materials in residential zones to specify that the screening must be located in close proximity to the storage area.
- Exterior vehicle (trailer) storage requirements - Including recreational vehicles in the limits on the number of vehicles that can be stored outside of a garage or similar structure, and allowing the use of permeable materials in the construction of driveways and parking areas.
- Grocery and Specialty Food Store definition - Amend the definition to (1) allow areas for the on-premises consumption of packaged food and specially prepared food items, and (2) to include delicatessens within the definition.
- Hostels not allowed in AG-I Zones - Delete as a conditionally permitted use in the AG-I zone.
- Impermissible structural alterations to nonconforming structures - Add language that specifies that nonconforming structure that is structurally altered in violation of the zoning ordinance must either be demolished or remodeled as a conforming structure.
- Phased Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan maximum build-out periods - Include a maximum period of time in which the permits required to allow the build-out of a project that has a phasing agreement must be issued.
- PI Zone meeting facilities (religious) permit requirement - Correct permit requirement for religious meeting facilities.
- PI Zone office floor area limitation - Delete percentage limitation on office floor area within the

overall development.

- Pool and pool equipment setbacks for interior lots - Specify the setbacks for pools and attendant equipment when located on an interior lot.
- Setback exemptions in single-family residential subdivisions - include additional situations where historical setback determinations remain in effect.
- Special care homes permit requirements in the Special Purpose Zones - Clarify permit requirements in Special Purpose zones.
- Summerland Community Plan area special findings - Corrects list of findings for approval of CUPs, Modifications, Surface Mining and Variances Time extensions.
- Surface mining and reclamation regulations for idle mines - Change the review authority of applications for interim management plans filed for surface mines that have become idle from the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator to the Director, and allow additional extensions of the time limit on interim management plans to be consistent with recent amendments to State law.
- Time extensions review authorities and noticing procedures - Clarify the existing process including appropriate review authority and noticing requirements and appropriate review authorities.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15061(b)(3) - No possibility of significant effect.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The amendments will clarify existing development regulations and permit procedures and make minor text clarifications which would not in an increase in permitted densities or modifications to resource protection policies. The proposed ordinance amendments will also revise existing permit processes to enhance efficiency, add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to specific land uses which will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area, and correct and clarify existing text provisions. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of these ordinance revisions.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development 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.

Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after project approval)

Hearing Support Staff
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