

ATTACHMENT E: CASE NO. 12ORD-00000-00003 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.: 12ORD-00000-00003

Location: The proposed ordinance amendment applies solely to the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located within the Montecito Community Plan Area not including the Coastal Zone.

Project Title: Temporary Uses (Special Events) Ordinance Amendment.

Project Description: 12ORD-00000-00003 proposes to amend Division 35.4, Montecito Standards for Specific Land Uses and Division 35.10, Glossary, of Section 35-2, the Santa Barbara County Montecito Land Use and Development Code, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County Code, to:

- Clarify the existing regulations regarding temporary uses and the use of property for special events, including clarifying existing language regarding the short term rental of property in relation to allowable temporary uses of property.
- Implement new regulations that apply to the use of property for temporary uses (special events), including the adoption of a new discretionary permit type known as a Special Event Use Permit that would allow one additional charitable or other noncommercial event where the number of attendees may exceed 300.
- Make other minor clarifications, corrections and revisions.

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:

Section 15061(b)(3) states the general rule that CEQA only applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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, the activity is exempt from CEQA.

The proposed ordinance amendment primarily clarifies existing development regulations and permit procedures and makes minor text clarifications which would not result in an increase in permitted densities or modifications to resource protection policies. The proposed ordinance amendment will also

revise existing permit processes to add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to use of property for temporary uses (special events) that will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding areas. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of this ordinance amendment.

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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