

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**FROM:** Steve Mason, 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.

APN: Countywide**Case No.:** 17ORD-00000-00006**Location:** Countywide**Project Title:** Amendments to Chapter 14**Project Description:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Grading CodeName of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa BarbaraName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planning & Development**Exempt Status:** (Check one)☐ Ministerial☐ Statutory Exemption☐ Categorical Exemption☐ Emergency Project☐ Declared Emergency☒ No possibility of significant effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Sections 15601(b)(3)

Reasons to support exemption findings: The ordinance amendments will clarify the current permit exemption to reduce any possibility that multiple grading operations of less than 50 cubic yards will be conducted to avoid obtaining a permit, and address soil compaction by adding language to the definition of compaction to exclude compaction as a factor in the calculation of cubic yardage for cut or fill. Implementation of this ordinance amendment provides clarification to existing regulations and will not have an environmental impact. This ordinance amendment is not related to any particular development project, and individual projects will be subject to compliance with CEQA as applicable. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____