



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-02252021-082
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL DOUG.BUSH@SONOMA-COUNTY.ORG	DATE 02/25/2021
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 21-0225-03
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PROJECT TITLE  
ZONING CODE REFORMATTING; ORD17-0002

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL DOUG.BUSH@SONOMA-COUNTY.ORG	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-5276
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95403
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)                                          | \$3,445.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,480.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,171.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee                                         |          | \$ _____ \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                              |          | \$ _____         |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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This notice was posted on 02/25/2021  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 03/28/2021

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *Carrie Anderson*  
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

**Doc No.49-02252021-082**

## **NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103



Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Zoning Code Reformatting;  
ORD17-0002

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** County

**Applicant Address:** 2550 Ventura Ave.,  
Santa Rosa CA 95403

**Project Location:** County Wide

**Date of Approval:** Feb 9, 2021

**To:**

County Clerk- Recorder Office

County of Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and

Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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### **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:**

With the assistance of a code consultant, Permit Sonoma staff prepared draft municipal code articles that reformat and reorganize the land use and development standards in the Zoning Code to create a user-friendly format. No substantive changes were made to existing policy or regulations with the exception of updates necessary to maintain consistency with state law. On February 9, 2021, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance amending Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning Regulations) to reformat, reorganize, consolidate and delete redundancies and make limited additional text amendment to clarify existing policy and as necessary for conformity with state law.

### **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

### **REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the "common sense exemption" of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). The common sense exemption provides 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, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The proposed amendments to Chapter 26 Zoning Regulations are limited to changes in formatting, organization, numbering, and consolidation of redundant and outdated text. The Ordinance would not change the substance of land use and development requirements from what is currently provided under the General Plan, Zoning Regulations, related permits or guidelines, and controlling state law. With respect to the amendments needed for state law conformity, those amendments are narrowly drafted to ensure conformity with state law that is in effect and overrides conflicting local ordinance. Accordingly, because it may be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). Alternatively and for the foregoing reasons, adoption of the Ordinance is not a project subject to CEQA in the first instance, because the action has no potential for causing either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a).)

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This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

**Doug Bush**

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Doug Bush, Project Planner  
Permit and Resource Management Department  
Comprehensive Planning Division  
(707) 565-5276

Signature: *Doug Bush*  
Doug Bush (Feb 25, 2021 10:35 PST)

Email: [Doug.Bush@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Doug.Bush@sonoma-county.org)