

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 12  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** City of Watsonville  
Community Development Dept.  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Clerk of the Board  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**FILE NO.:** PP14

**Project Title:** Staff of Life Natural Food Market

**Project Location - Specific:** 906 East Lake Ave

**Project Location - City:** Watsonville

**Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project involves creating a 470± square-foot permanent outdoor display sales area in an existing patio for Staff of Life Natural Foods Market. The outdoor display area will be secured with a 6-foot wrought iron fence where a sliding gate will allow access for customers to patronize.

**Name of Public agency Approving Project:** City of Watsonville

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Staff of Life Natural Food Market (Agent: David Subocz)

**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, §15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, in that the project involves no changes to the existing use of the structure as a grocery store by providing a permanent outdoor display sales area. The proposed project involves no expansion of use. The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Justin Meek

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** March 22, 2021

**Title:** Principal Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_