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Categorical Exemption (\$75 County Posting Fee)

Name of Project: Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URM) and Risk Reduction Schedule - Ordinance 1439

Location: City of Sierra Madre (citywide)
Type of Business (if commercial):

URM Municipal Code Text Amendment

Project Description: Adoption of ordinance amending Title 15 Chapter 15.44 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to conform to State Seismic Safety Commission Requirements

Applicant's Name: City of Sierra Madre Phone: 626-355-7138

Applicant's Address: 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

City: Sierra Madre Zip: 91024

If different, provide:

Agent's Name _____ Phone _____

Agent's Address _____

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The undersigned, having received this project for processing, has reviewed it for environmental impact and concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under the procedures adopted by the City of Sierra Madre and no further environmental assessment is necessary.

Applicable Exemption Class: Section 15301, 15061(b)(3), 15378(a) and (b)(5)

Comments: The proposed actions are in compliance with the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The proposed regulation is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 15.44,

as authorized and required by state law, have no potential for resulting in physical changes to the environment because they consist of changes in the standards governing the seismic retrofit of buildings identified as posing a potential hazard and do not directly or indirectly approve any applications for particular projects. Any particular proposed project will be required to undergo the City's entitlement process and appropriate review under CEQA.

Reviewed by: 
Vincent Gonzalez

Date: March 24, 2021

Title: Director, Planning & Community Preservation