



Notice of Exemption

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To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
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County of Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
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Lead Agency
From: (Public Agency) City of Richmond
450 Civic Center Plaza, PO Box 4046
Richmond, CA 94804-1630

(Address)
Project Applicant:
City of Richmond, 450 Civic Center Plaza,
Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 620-6706

Project Title: Natural Gas Ban Ordinance

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide - City of Richmond

Project Location - City: Richmond

Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Project:

Citywide ordinance that would add new Chapter 9.64 to Richmond Municipal Code that would ban natural gas infrastructure in newly constructed buildings. The ordinance would take effect on January 1, 2022. The ordinance provides exceptions for allowances for natural gas when determined physically infeasible to build, and if a public interest is served.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Richmond

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Richmond

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15378, 15307, 15308, and 15061 (b) (3)
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The ordinance is not a project; therefore, is not subject to CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. However, if it was considered a project, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15307 (action to protect natural resources), section 15308 (action to protect the environment, and section 15061(b) (3) ("Common Sense" exemption where there is no reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lina Velasco Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 620-6841

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: [Signature] Date: 11/16/21 Title: Director

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
[ ] Signed by Applicant

2021-00452

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November 19, 2021
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