NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** County Clerk and Recorder's Office **FROM:** City of Murrieta

County of Riverside Planning Division (DSD)

2724 Gateway Drive 1 Town Square

Riverside, CA 92507 Murrieta, CA 92562

**Project Title:** Minor Conditional Use Permit 2021-2375 for Instructional Tasting Events

**Project Applicant:** Jay Kerner, Murrieta Town Center Retail Owner, L.P.

**Description of Project:** The project is a Minor Conditional Use Permit to allow for instructional tastings within a grocery store. The area in which the instructional tasting event will be held will be separated from the remainder of the off-sale licensed premises by a wall, rope, cable, cord, chain, fence, or other permanent or temporary barrier. The tasting events will be held within normal business hours, which is from 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Sunday. An instructional tasting event on the subject of wine or distilled spirits shall be limited to not more than three (3) tastings per person per day. A single tasting of distilled spirits shall not exceed one-fourth of one ounce and a single tasting of wine shall not exceed one ounce. An instructional tasting event on the subject of beer shall be limited to not more than the tasting of eight ounces of beer per person per day.

**Project Site Size:** 12.44 acres.

**Project Location:** The project site is located 40481 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, (Murrieta), County of Riverside, California. Assessor’s Parcel #: 912-020-004.

**Public Agency Approval:** On November 22, 2021, the City of Murrieta Director of Development Services made the determination that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities and approved the project.

**Exempt Status:**

Ministerial (Section 21080 (b)(1); Section 15268);

Declared Emergency (Section 21080 (b) (3); Section 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Section 21080 (b) (4); Section 15269(b)(c));

Statutory Exemption (Section Number: );

\_X Categorical Exemption: 15301 – Existing Facilities

\_ The activity is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3))

\_\_ Other:

**Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:** The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, based on the following findings: The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project involves negligible changes to the existing use and no interior or exterior modifications are within the scope of this project.

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