



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**

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Project Title: Conditional Use Permit No. 200015 / Development Agreement No. 2000005 (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 39-225 Washington Street (North of Vaner Road, South of Wildcat Drive), in unincorporated Palm Desert / Riverside County.

County: Riverside County

Project Description:

The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis License submitted on 07/23/2021, by C21 Palm Desert. C21 Palm Desert applied for a cannabis storefront retail license.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of a commercial cannabis facility to include retail sales and distribution within an existing 13,969 square foot building as a Cannabis Retailer-Storefront in accordance with Zoning Ordinance No. 348-4898.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities. Class 1 Categorical Exemption applies because the cannabis facility will lease space of an approved building footprint, and it will permit the use of a portion of the building as a cannabis facility. 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 proposed cannabis facility will operate within leased space of an approved building that has been previously constructed. The project also involves minor alteration of the approved building as it will remodel 13,969 square feet of cannabis retail area and distribution area.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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