

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
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Project Title: No Parking Restrictions on South Church Road, north of East Franklin Avenue in the community of Earlimart

Project Location - Specific: South Church Road, north of Franklin Avenue in Earlimart, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: NW ¼ of SW ¼ of S34 T23S R25E

Project Location - City: Within the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

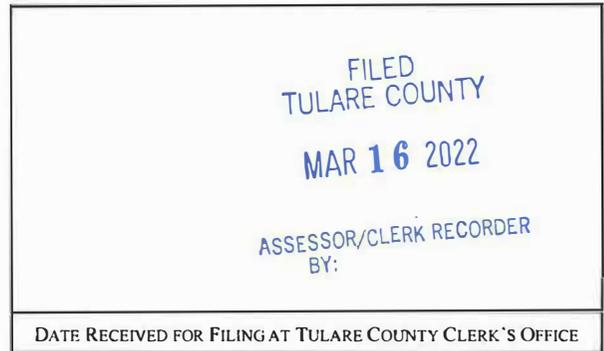
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and safety by creating "No Parking" restrictions on the east side of South Church Road, north of Franklin Avenue in Earlimart. The work will consist of installing "No Parking" signs and painting the curb red for 100 feet north beginning at the driveway for the Adventist Health Clinic.

To address to safety concerns of parked vehicles creating a visibility obstruction, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and determined that a "No Parking" restriction would improve sight visibility for traffic entering onto Road 72.

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));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**

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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. This exemption includes alterations to streets that do not create additional automobile lanes. This exemption would limit parking on a portion of an existing street and would not create an additional automobile lane. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 and Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Section 300 (c)(7) Installation of traffic control devices, are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Ross Miller, P.E., Chief Engineer **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 03/16/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 3/16/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to OPR: _____