

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: (Public Agency)  
City of Merced  
678 West 18th St.  
Merced, CA 95340

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County of Merced  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**Project Title:** Site Plan Review #497 (Environmental Review #22-27)

**Project Applicant:** Ashley Investments, LLC

**Project Location (Specific):** 3275 R St. **APN:** 058-030-010

**Project Location - City:** Merced **Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Site Plan Review #497 allows modifications to the existing parking lot and remodel of the existing 18,709 square-foot building

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Merced

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Rashell Butler on behalf of Ashley Investments, LLC

**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));
- Categorical Exemption. Section Number: Section 15332 (in-fill Development Projects)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_.
- General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:** Project is considered an in-fill development project. The project location is within the City limits on a 2.8 acre parcel surrounded by urban uses. The project is the modification of a site that has previously been developed. The site can be served by all required utilities and public services, and the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No significant effects resulting from traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality will result from the subdivision of the lots. The project is consistent with the City of Merced General Plan and Zoning regulations.

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

**Contact Person:** Julie Nelson

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**Signature:**  **Date:** 6/6/2022 **Title:** Senior Planner

X Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)