

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: James Scott  
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33  
San Diego, CA 92101

**FROM:** County of San Diego  
Planning & Development Services, M.S. O650

**SUBJECT:** FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

**Project Name:** Code Compliance Cannabis Licensing Program (Ordinance Amendment)

**Project Location:** The Ordinance Amendment would be applicable throughout the unincorporated County of San Diego

**Project Applicant:** County of San Diego, Planning and Development Services  
Address: 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

**Project Description:** On May 24, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed staff to explore the establishment of a cannabis licensing program to be managed by Planning & Development Services, Code Compliance Division return to the Board with options for the Cannabis Facility Operation Certificate Fee.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of San Diego

**County Contact Person:** Michael Condon, Telephone Number: (858) 692-0895

**Date Form Completed:** November 16, 2022

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on October 26, 2022 (item #\_\_\_) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"):
  - Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
  - Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
  - Statutory Exemption. C Section:
  - Categorical Exemption. G Section:
  - G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
  - G 15182 - Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
  - G 15183 - Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
  - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was  was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is subject to the common sense exemption, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines) because these minor amendments do not cause substantive changes to the uniform licensing procedure or cannabis facility regulations and have no potential to cause a physical change in the environment. None of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines) because the ordinance does not authorize, ban or exempt any development and therefore will not cause impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites or historical resources. In addition, see Attachment A of the Resolution of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Adopting the Ordinance Amendment, dated October 26, 2022.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 692-0895

Name (Print): Michael Condon Title: Land Use and Environmental Planner, Planning and Development Services

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

**FILED**  
Nov 16, 2022 10:37 AM  
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

**CODE COMPLIANCE CANNABIS LICENSING PROGRAM (ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT)**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY CLERK ON** November 16, 2022  
**Posted** November 16, 2022 **Removed** \_\_\_\_\_  
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