

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Permit and Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Ave., Santa Rosa CA 95403

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

(Address)

Project Title: Winery Events Ordinance

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 565-1928

Project Location - Specific:
Countywide

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Sonoma County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Adopt an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, amending Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning Regulations) to add winery definitions and standards for new winery visitor serving uses on lands zoned Land Intensive Agriculture, Land Extensive Agriculture, and Diverse Agriculture (outside of the coastal zone).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Permit and Resource Management Department

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. State type and section number: Sections 15308 and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Ordinance proposes zoning amendments that do not create an intensification of use of land, involve specific development, or increase development beyond what County Code currently allows by Use Permit in agricultural zones. Further, the Ordinance implements General Plan Land Use Element and Agriculture Resource Element policies and programs to protect and enhance agricultural lands and the unique character of unincorporated communities and areas, as designated by the Board, while allowing for land uses and development associated with agricultural- production, processing, and visitor serving uses authorized by General Plan Land Use Element Policy 2.6, consistent with the General Plan Agriculture Resource Element policies for promoting and marketing agricultural products. The changes proposed by the Ordinance are in line with current application evaluation practices which requires a discretionary review process, including CEQA review, for winery visitor serving uses. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Hannah Spencer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 1928

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Hannah Spencer Date: 3-14-23 Title: Supervising Planner

• Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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