

# Notice of Exemption

*Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103*

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**Lead Agency:** Tulare County - Resource Management Agency  
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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Public Works ph: 559-624-7142  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
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**Activity / Project Title:** No Parking Restriction & Passenger Loading Only Zone on Church Road, in Earlimart

**Activity / Project Location - Specific:** Church Road (R136) south of Washington Avenue (A52) in Earlimart, CA

**Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range:** NW¼ of SW¼ of S34 T23S R25E

**Activity / Project Location:** Within the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA

**Activity / Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project:** This project will enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety by creating a "No Parking" restriction and a "Passenger Loading Only" zone on Church Road, south of Washington Avenue for the Earlimart Elementary School crosswalk. Project will consist of installing "No Parking" and "Passenger Loading Only" signs along with painting the curb red and white as described, in the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA.

In response to concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety with parked vehicles creating a visibility obstruction to the crosswalk, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) investigated these concerns and determined that a "No Parking" restriction along with a "Passenger Loading Only" zone at this location would help to improve the sight distance and prevent a visibility obstruction to the crosswalk.

**Exempt Status:**

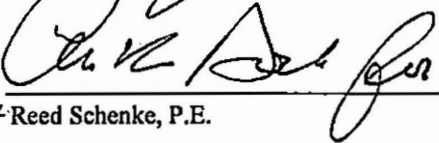
- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

**Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA:** This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety, and as such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to (14 Cal Code Regs, §15303). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Activity/Project Representative: Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 05/02/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 5.2.23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Aaron Beck for Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency