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Notice of Exemption

To: State Clearinghouse
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From: ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER
Lead Agency: City of Porterville
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Applicant: Cannabis Express, Inc.
Address: 200 N. Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257
Contact: Darin Garrett
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Project Title: Cannabis Express, Inc. Commercial Cannabis Project

Project Applicant: Darin Garrett, Cannabis Express, Inc.

Project Location - Specific: 200 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA; Tulare Co. APN 253-182-001

Project Location - City: Porterville

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Porterville City Council has approved a development agreement to authorize the operation of a cannabis dispensary including storefront retail and delivery services within an existing building. The project is responsible for payment of fees based on revenue and is required to coordinate with the City to establish and maintain educational programs and community-oriented activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Porterville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cannabis Express, Inc.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268).
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a)).
 Emergency Project (Sec 15269(b)(c)).
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: *15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
 Other. State code number: _____

Reason(s) why project is exempt:


The project consists of a cannabis dispensary involving minor modifications to an existing building and site, consisting of interior tenant improvements, installation of security features (lighting, cameras), and resurfacing and restriping of the existing parking area. Class 3 exemptions are subject to review for the exceptions stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.1. The City's cannabis ordinance allows a maximum of three (3) retail facilities within the City; this project would be the third. Although all three are within approximately one-half mile of each other, no other cannabis facilities will be allowed in the city limits, and the City does not find this to be an overconcentration such that cumulatively significant effects could occur. The project site is located just over one mile from a portion of State Route 190 that is eligible for designation as a Scenic Highway and more than 39 miles from the nearest Designated Scenic Highway, as segment of SR 180 in far northern Tulare County ([California State Scenic Highway System Map \(arcgis.com\)](#), May 1, 2023). The site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 ([EnviroStor Database \(ca.gov\)](#), May 1, 2023). The site is entirely developed with buildings and hardscape features with no evidence of any historic resources on the site, and no demolition of buildings or other features is proposed. The project would not cause a substantial adverse change to the significance of an historical resource.

Lead Agency Contact: Jason Ridenour

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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:  _____ Date: June 8, 2023 Title: Community
Development
Director

Date received for filing at OPR: _____