

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): City of Piedmont  
Planning & Building Department  
120 Vista Avenue  
Piedmont, CA 94611  
(Address)

Project Title: City of Piedmont Linda Beach Pickleball Courts

Project Applicant: City of Piedmont

Project Location – Specific: Parcel 050-4552-001-10 at Linda Avenue near Oakland Avenue, Piedmont, CA

Project Location – City: Piedmont Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Linda Beach courts repairs including the removal of a tree and tree roots that caused court surface damage and the resurfacing and restriping for four pickleball courts. The four courts will be restriped side by side in a north/south orientation. Fence posts will be replaced. New net posts, nets and net barriers will be installed. The establishment of parameters and programming for said use, to include 51 hours of dedicated Pickleball activity per week, with 4 additional hours dedicated to youth for the activity of playing either Pickleball or Tennis.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Piedmont

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Piedmont

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: 15301, 15232, and 15601(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project to restripe the existing Linda Beach tennis courts for permanent pickleball play is exempt under Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) exemption since the proposed project involves the re-surfacing of existing tennis courts and converting the courts into permanent pickleball courts. These are activities that currently occur on the site. There will be no expansion of the footprint beyond the existing area. As to hours of usage, the facility has been used for tennis courts and utilized during the hours of 8:00AM to 9:00PM (91 hours per week). Since April of 2019, the courts have included pickleball use. During the pickleball trial period, the courts were used 84 hours per week, and at the conclusion of the trial period on July 31, 2023, there are presently 9 hours of dedicated pickleball play per week. Pickleball at the site will be for up to 55 hours per week (51 hours for dedicated pickleball play, and 4 additional youth hours for either tennis or pickleball play). Because the hours of operation for the courts generally have been 91 hours, the use of the courts for 51 hours of pickleball is negligible and involves no expansion of use.

This proposed use is exempt from CEQA based on Section 15323 due to the fact that this is an existing recreational facility. The facility has been used for tennis courts for over 95 years with hours of operation of 91 hours a week. Pickleball activities have occurred on premises since April of 2019. Staff's proposed use of the facility for pickleball for 51 hours a week would thus not represent a change in the operation of the facility.

The activity is not subject to CEQA as provided in Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The re-striping of the tennis courts for pickleball use does not impact overall usage of the site as the facility is presently used as a recreational facility for 91 hours per week. Increasing hours of dedicated pickleball play to 51 hours per week would not have a significant effect on the environment. Moreover, increased use of pickleball does not change the underlying use of the site.

Lead Agency

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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: 9/08/2023 Title: Director of Planning & Building

Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Section 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.      Date received for filing at OPR: 9/08/2023

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.