



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Regulating Vacation Rentals in Coastal Zone	To:	County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
Public Agency: Sonoma County		County of Sonoma	
Project Applicant: County of Sonoma		585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa		Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: Coastal Zone			
Date of Approval: September 26, 2023			

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The project includes an ordinance amending Chapter 26C to establish a zoning permit requirement for new vacation rental operators to legally operate vacation rentals in the Coastal Zone and establish permit standards addressing allowable structures, wastewater, maximum occupancy, parking and other topics. The action also requires a vacation rental license which requires compliance with health and safety standards such as lighting restrictions, emergency evacuation plan requirements, and prohibitions on outdoor burning. The project does not alter the locations where vacation rentals are allowed within the Coastal Zone.

EXEMPT STATUS:

State CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308 as an action taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, and protection of natural resources and the environment, because requiring a vacation rental permit and a vacation rental license that impose standards that continue, add, or enhance requirements related to wastewater management, refuse management, noise, outdoor burning, and emergency evacuation will only serve to further protect natural resources and the environment from potential impacts related to vacation rentals. The Ordinance also adds these standards in the Coastal Zone where vacation rentals are currently unregulated. The Ordinance is further exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, because the project further regulates a currently allowed use in ways that are more protective of the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Comprehensive Planning Division
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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY:

Bryant Hill, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 09/29/2023
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 10/30/2023

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-09292023-327

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY PRMD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/29/2023
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 23-0929-02
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PROJECT TITLE
REGULATING VACATION RENTALS IN COASTAL ZONE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF SONOMA PRMD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL KATRINA.BRAEHMER@SONOMA-COUNTY.ORG	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-5276
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95403
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Bryant Hill, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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