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through 01/15/2024

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *Carrie Anderson*  
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk



**Doc No.49-12152023-407 NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

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:** Ordinance 6460

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** Permit Sonoma

**Applicant Address:** 2550 Ventura Avenue,  
Santa Rosa CA 95403

**Project Location:** Countywide

**Date of Approval:** 12/12/2023

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office

County of Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and

Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:**

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium, with limited exceptions, to prohibit: (1) the removal of Protected Trees greater than six inches (6") diameter at breast height (dbh); and (2) any Type Conversion of Oak Woodland, throughout the unincorporated area of the County, excluding the Coastal Zone, for no more than 45-days and expiring January 26, 2024, unless extended to May 31, 2024 or different date by subsequent action of the Board of Supervisors. For the duration of the moratorium, the Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures shall not issue any permits under Chapter 36 of the Sonoma County Code that involve the Removal of a Protected Tree or Type Conversion of Oak Woodland.

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemptions Section 15307 for Actions By Regulatory Agencies For Protection Of Natural Resources, 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

**REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

The basis for this determination is that this ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium prohibiting actions that would remove Protected Trees or type conversion of Oak Woodland and have an impact on the County's natural carbon sinks, associated habitat, and related natural resources. Protected Trees and Oak Woodland are an important part of the environment and would be further protected and preserved by this ordinance. This moratorium will not result in any significant adverse direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. This ordinance is further exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guideline § 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

*Robert C. Aguero*

Robert Aguero, Senior Environmental Specialist

Permit Sonoma

Natural Resources Division

(707) 565-3718



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: 49-12152023-407
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/15/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 23-1215-02	
PROJECT TITLE ORDINANCE 6460		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PERMIT SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVENUE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

**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	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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