

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Torrance
CD Department
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Amendment of Torrance Municipal Code Article 5 "Touch (and Stop) and Go, Full Stop-Taxi Back and Low Approaches" of Chapter 1, Division 5 (Ordinance No. 3930).

Project Applicant: City of Torrance

Project Location - Specific: 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503

Project Location – City: City of Torrance Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Ordinance No. 3930 would amend the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to prohibit touch (and stop) and go landings entirely and restrict taxi-backs and low approaches from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday, as well as all City observed holidays.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Torrance City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Torrance, Community Development Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(c))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378
- Statutory Exemptions: State code number:
- Other: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reason why project is exempt: Ordinance No. 3930 was reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, et seq., the "CEQA Guidelines"). This Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, because the activity undertaken involves general text amendments to the Torrance Municipal Code that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, as such, the Ordinance does not meet the definition of a "Project" under CEQA. The Ordinance is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance would make pre-existing public nuisance regulations more robust and protective of neighboring communities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michelle G. Ramirez, Director of Community Development

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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: 
Title: Director of Community Development

Date: February 7, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: