



CITY OF MENIFEE

Community Development Department

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: City of Meniffee
Community Development Department
29844 Haun Road
Meniffee, CA 92586

Project Title/Case No.: Code Amendment LR23-0012

Project Location:

The proposal applies citywide.

Project Description:

Code Amendment LR23-0012 - A City initiated amendment to the Development Code (Title 9 of the Meniffee Municipal Code) to update the Code to be in compliance with latest State housing law and to implement several program actions of the City's Housing Element, which was adopted in November of 2022. As required by State law, the proposed amendment consists of provisions to support greater housing opportunity to address the State housing crisis, and to implement the City's adopted Housing Element policies and program actions. The amendments include, but are not limited to, provisions addressing affordable housing, density bonus provisions, accessory dwelling units, supportive and transitional housing, emergency shelters, low barrier navigation centers, housing in commercial zones, and streamlining approvals for such uses as necessary to comply with State law. Chapters and/or sections of the Development Code proposed to be amended or added to the Development Code include:

- Section 9.30.090 Approving Authority Table (amended)
- Chapter 9.35 ADU Permit (entire chapter to be deleted)
- Chapter 9.85 Reasonable Accommodation (amended)
- Chapter 9.125 Agricultural & Rural Residential Zones (amended)
- Chapter 9.130 Residential Zones (amended)
- Chapter 9.135 Commercial and Industrial Zones (amended)
- Chapter 9.140 Economic Development Corridor Zones (amended)
- Chapter 9.180 Density Bonus (amended)
- Chapter 9.215 Parking and Loading Standards (amended)
- Chapter 9.295 Special Housing Types:
 - Section 9.295.020 Accessory Dwelling Units (amended)
 - Section 9.295.025 Emergency Shelter (new section)
 - Section 9.295.035 Low Barrier Navigation Center (new section)
 - Section 9.295.037 Multifamily Housing in Commercial Zones – AB 2011 & SB 6 (new section)
- Chapter 9.296 SB9 Urban Lot Split & 2-Unit Developments (new chapter)
- Chapter 9.300 Universal Definitions (amended)
- Section 9.305.030 Density Bonus & Related Terms Defined (amended)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Meniffee

Project Sponsor: Doug Darnell, City of Meniffee – ddarnell@cityofmeniffee.us or 951.723.3744

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) | <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (15303) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (15282.h) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>(15061.b.3)</u> |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA per Statutory Exemptions Section 15282.h as the proposed amendment involves “adoption of an ordinance regarding second units in a single-family or

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multifamily residential zone by a city or a county to implement the provisions of Sections 65852.1 and 65852.2 of the Government Code as set forth in `Section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code” and is exempt per Section 15061.b.3 “Common Sense Exemption” as the proposed Code Amendment is required to comply with State law and is required to implement several program actions of the City’s adopted 6th cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments will have a significant impact on the environment.

Additionally, the proposed Code Amendment implements the City’s adopted 6th cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element of the General Plan. On December 15, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-1110 adopting the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (“FPEIR”) for the Housing Element Update Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2022010031) (“Project”). Based on data and analysis and findings of the FPEIR, the Project would not directly result in significant adverse environmental impacts. All potential impacts were determined to be less than significant without mitigation or can be reduced to a less than significant level with implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the FPEIR. Additionally, no cumulative significant impacts were identified in the FPEIR based on findings that the Project’s contributions to such impacts are considered not to be cumulatively considerable.

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