

City of Rancho Santa Margarita
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange
Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

 X Office of Planning and Research
Submitted via online at <https://ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov>

Project Title and File Number: Ordinance No. 24-01 Establishing a Sidewalk Vending Regulatory Program, and City Council Resolution No. 24-02-28-02 Adopting Sidewalk Vending Permit Program Fees and Amending the City's Master Fee Schedule.

Project Applicant: City of Rancho Santa Margarita **Telephone Number:** (949) 635-1800
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Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, adding new Chapter 4.04 (Sidewalk Vending) to Title 4 (Business Regulations) of the Rancho Santa Margarita Municipal Code establishing a Sidewalk Vending Regulatory Program. In addition, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, adopting sidewalk vending permit program fees and amending the City's Master Fee Schedule.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Statutory Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15260 et seq.) **Section 15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges**
 No Possibility of physical impact. (14 Cal Code of Regs. Section 15061 (b)(3))
 Ministerial (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15268)
 Declared Emergency (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (14 Cal Code of Regs Sec. 15269(b),(c), (d) and (e))
 Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sections 15300 et seq.)

Reasons why project is exempt: Text amendments to municipal codes are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. As a Municipal Code text amendment, there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the text amendment to the City's Municipal Code is exempt from further review under CEQA. Furthermore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by agencies are statutorily exempt.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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If filed by Applicant: N/A

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: _____



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Date: February 28, 2024