

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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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 Section 91.37.3(a) of Chapter 1 of Article 37 of Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to Regulate the Approval Process and Placement of Pickleball Courts in the P-U (Public Use) Zone (Ordinance No. 3931).

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. 3931 would amend the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to regulate the approval process and placement of new pickleball courts in the P-U Zone. Specifically, the amendment would require new pickleball courts be processed through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and be a minimum distance of 250 feet from the center of each court to any property developed with a residential use, as measured by a parcel line. Any pickleball court installed prior to the adoption of Ordinance No. 3931 would not be subject to the 250 feet requirement and would be allowed to remain in place.

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. 3931 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"). Ordinance No. 3931 is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378, because the activity undertaken involves general text amendments that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and does not meet the definition of a "Project" under CEQA. Ordinance No. 3931 is also exempt from CEQA Guidelines under 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. Ordinance No. 3931 consists only of bolstering public nuisance regulations. Ordinance No. 3931 will not have the effect of deleting or substantially changing any regulatory standards or required findings.

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: March 27, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON March 27 2024

UNTIL April 26 2024

REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK



Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk

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