



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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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: ORD21-0001 Modernizing Tree and Woodland Protections	To:	County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
Public Agency: Sonoma County		County of Sonoma	
Project Applicant: Permit Sonoma		585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95403		Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: Countywide			
Date of Approval: 4/30/2024			

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

On April 30, 2024, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 6478, "Amendments to Sonoma County Code Chapters 25 (Subdivision Code) 26 (Zoning Code) to make technical changes and updates related to tree and woodland protections." The revisions to Chapter 26 include updates to the Definitions section, Tree Protection Ordinance, Riparian Corridor Ordinance, and Minor and Major Timberland Conversion Ordinances.

The updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance include expanding the applicability of the ordinance, establishing a permitting process for projects subject to the ordinance and providing updated mitigation options. Updates to the Riparian Corridor Ordinance and Minor and Major Timberland Conversion Ordinances include minor technical revisions to reflect current policy and practice that increase tree protections. The proposed technical changes and updates provide a framework to guide the County's protection of tree and forest resources when permitting development that could impact tree and forest resources.

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:

Adoption of the proposed ordinance amendments to County Code are exempt pursuant to the categorical exemptions provided at State CEQA Guidelines §15307 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and §15308 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment because the amendments are regulatory in nature and are designed to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement or protection of natural resources and the environment. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would 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:

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: Bryant Hill
Bryant Hill, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 05/03/2024
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 06/03/2024

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-05032024-132

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY PERMIT SONOMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/03/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0503-01
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PROJECT TITLE
ORD21-0001 MODERNIZING TREE AND WOODLAND PROTECTIONS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PERMIT SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95403
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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)	\$4,051.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

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 Bryant Hill, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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