

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Luis Obispo

1055 Monterey St

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

From: (Public Agency): City of Atascadero

6500 Palma Ave

Atascadero, CA 93422

(Address)

Project Title: USE24-0018, Conditional Use Permit for Retail Tobacco Sales, Jax Smoke Emporium

Project Applicant: Jessie Joseph

Project Location - Specific:

9520 El Camino Real, Suite A (APN 056-071-014)

Project Location - City: Atascadero

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The applicant seeks a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a tobacco retailer at 9520 El Camino Real, Suite A, primarily engaged in the sale of tobacco products and related accessories. This land use is classified as "Retail Sales – Restricted" within the Atascadero Municipal Code and requires approval of a Minor CUP to be established in the Commercial Tourist zone. The proposed storefront will share an existing building with a hair salon tenant. The applicants are not proposing any exterior modifications other than new commercial signage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Atascadero

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jessie Joseph, Alex Souki, Jenny Joseph

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3, Section 15303

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is Categorically Exempt (Class 3) from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, because it is limited to a change of use in an existing small structure with negligible modifications to the exterior of the structure.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sam Mountain, Assistant Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 470-3404

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:  Date: 05/23/2024 Title: Assistant Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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