City of Rancho Santa Margarita 22112 El Paseo Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 (949) 635-1800

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

То:	X	County of Orange Clerk-Recorder 601 N. Ross Street	<u>_X</u>	Office of Planning and Research Submitted via online at https://ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov
		Santa Ana, CA 92701		

Project Title and File Number: Resolution No. 24-05-08-02 of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, amending the City's Master Fee Schedule by adjusting certain general government fees and other city rates, charges, and user fees for various government services based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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

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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Project Location: Citywide (Rancho Santa Margarita, Orange County, California)

Project Description: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita amending the City's Master Fee Schedule by adjusting certain fees and other city rates, charges, and user fees for various government services based on the increase in the CPI.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

[X] Statutory Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15260 et seq.) **Section 15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges**

[X] Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges. (Section 21080 (b)(8) of California Public Resources Code)

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: Pursuant to Section 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 21080(b)(8) of the California Public Resources Code, the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies are statutorily exempt. The project is an amendment to the City's Master Fee Schedule. Therefore, the project is exempt from further review under CEQA.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact Person: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner **Telephone:** (949) 635-1800 Ext. 6705

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?

[X] Yes [] No

Signature:

Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

Date: June 10, 2024