

# Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: ZC 24-0339 Housing Element Rezones

Project Applicant: City of Bakersfield

Project Location - Specific:  
Citywide

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project includes text-only changes of the Bakersfield Zoning Code to promote the development of housing in the city and to ensure consistency with the Housing Element Update and State law. These text changes in and of themselves would not result in growth or increased development in Bakersfield. Additionally, the project includes change in zone classifications on approximately 1,826 acres in various properties throughout the City to address evolving community needs, enhancing housing options, and providing compatibility with the City's long-term development goals in support of the Bakersfield General Plan comprehensive update; specifically, the Housing Element. These rezones would be consistent with the growth projections and buildout assumptions of the General Plan EIR.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Bakersfield

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Bakersfield

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  Common sense exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is rezones that do not propose any development and would not accommodate new development beyond what is currently allowed under existing Zoning regulations and General Plan growth projections. Therefore, the project would not result in any significant impacts to the environment. The project does not trigger any exemptions included in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300.2(a) through (f).

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jose Fernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 326-3778

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: [Signature] Date: 07/25/2024 Title: Associate 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice of Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 07-25-2024  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code