

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of: Contra Costa  
555 Escobar Street  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

From: (Public Agency): City of Walnut Creek - Lead Agency (925) 943-5899 x221  
1666 North Main Street  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(Address)

Project Title: Objective Development Standards and Minor Revisions to the Design Review Process

Project Applicant: City of Walnut Creek, 1666 N Main St, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Project Location - Specific:

(925) 943-5899 x2217

Citywide

Project Location - City: Walnut Creek Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of amendments to the Municipal Code to implement new or revised development standards for residential and non-residential developments, and minor revisions to the City's design review process. The proposed amendments would provide greater clarity and streamlining for development projects in the City. On August 22, 2024, the Walnut Creek Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending the City Council adopt the proposed amendments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Walnut Creek

2024-00302

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Walnut Creek

**FILED**

Exempt Status: (check one):

**August 23, 2024**

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- General Rule Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

KRISTIN B. CONNELLY  
CLERK-RECORDER

By: 

F. Anonuevo  
Deputy Clerk


Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments may have a significant impact on the environment. This recommended ordinance revision would only change the deciding-making body for design-review entitlements and replace or update development standards for non-residential and residential development projects, none of which impact the physical allowances for such projects.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Ben Schuster (925) 943-5899 x2217 Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-943-5899 x2217

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: 8/22/24 Title: Assistant Community Development Director

■ 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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:  
 07-08/23/2024-302  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF WALNUT CREEK	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/23/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00302	

PROJECT TITLE  
 OBJECTIVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND MINOR REVISIONS TO THE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF WALNUT CREEK	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (925) 943-5899
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1666 N MAIN ST	CITY WALNUT CREEK	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94596

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	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
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<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	\$ _____ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:  
 Cash     Credit     Check     Other   
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Francesca Anonuevo Deputy Clerk
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