

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Office of Planning and Research

FROM: Greg Vine, Community Development Department

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Project Address: 1032 WEST MAIN STREET (APN: 123-013-002)

Project No.: U2020-0005

Location: East of Intersection of West Main St and South Russell Avenue

Project Title: Gonzalez Automotriz #2 Tire Sales & Service Conditional Use Permit

Project Applicant: Andres Gonzalez, Owner

Project Description: Review of a Conditional Use Permit (U2020-0005) to establish tire sales and services within an existing 3,050-square-foot building on a 0.2-acre site in a PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) district of the Entrada Specific Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Maria

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Tom Martinez, Martinez & Associates

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA or CEQA Guidelines Section: This is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption based on Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines

Reasons to support exemption findings: This is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption based on Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The project is consistent with all applicable General Plan, Specific Plan, and general zoning requirements. The project includes only minor modifications to the interior and exterior of the site to meet current standards of public health and safety. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. None of the exceptions to the exemption as outlined by Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply. No further environmental review is required.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The project is a Class 1 exemption. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

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(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

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(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project is a Class 1 exemption. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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