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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:

Streamlined Review For Massage Establishments and Providers (ZOB)

Control Number:

PLNP2024-00123

Project Location:

All portions of Unincorporated Sacramento County

APN:

Countywide

Description of Project:

The project consists of a County initiated Zoning Ordinance Amendment to amend Chapter 1, Chapter 3 and Chapter 6 of the Sacramento County Zoning Code to streamline the review for massage establishments and providers. This Zoning Ordinance Amendment is being processed as part of a County Code Update to Chapter 4.36 (Title 4 Business Regulations – Massage Enterprises and Providers). The Zoning Code amendment will include rescinding the Minor Use Permit and distance separation requirements for massage establishments, and instead shift distancing and other regulatory requirements to County Code Chapter 4.36 as Sacramento County Finance Department and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department have enforcement authority. The Zoning Code amendment will also include provisions for certain businesses that have been deemed discontinued (loss of nonconforming status) to be reinstated by the Planning Commission through a Certificate of Nonconforming Use.

Name of public agency approving project:

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

Person or agency carrying out project:

Sacramento County
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Exempt Status:

General Rule – 15061(b)(3) The activity will not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The current requirement for massage establishments or massage providers to obtain a Minor Use Permit from County Planning and Environmental Review (PER) does not solve the ongoing

nuisance or illegal activity associated with massage establishments. Because a Minor Use Permit, as a land use entitlement, runs with the land – and not with either the applicant, massage enterprise or massage provider – the entitlement approval does not give PER the authority for operational enforcement. Furthermore, PER does not have the authority for the licensing, regulation of operations, and/or enforcement of massage enterprises and massage providers, as those responsibilities lie with the County Finance Department and County Sheriff’s Department, through enforcement of Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.36 (Title 4 Business Regulations – Massage Enterprises and Providers).

The proposed project will remove the Minor Use Permit requirement and instead limit PER’s authority to only land use consistency and compatibility, allowing for massage establishments solely based on location within the appropriate commercial zoning districts (which will be within existing development) and allow the Finance Department and Sheriff’s Department to have greater authority over their regulation of massage operations as it relates to issuance of licenses, revocation of licenses, or enforcement. As such, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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