

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Tulare
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Lead Agency
From: (Public Agency): City of Tulare
411 E. Kern Avenue, Tulare, CA 93274
(559)684-4216
(Address)

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TULARE COUNTY

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Project Title: City of Tulare Title 10 Zoning Ordinance Update ASSESSOR / CLERK-RECORDER BY:

Project Applicant: City of Tulare 411 E. Kern Avenue, Tulare CA 93274 (559) 684-4216

Project Location - Specific:

City of Tulare- the City is located in the western portion of the county.

Project Location - City: Tulare Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Tulare has updated portions of their Title 10 Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with the City of Tulare 2035 General Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Tulare 559-684-4216

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Tulare 559-684-4216

Exempt Status: (check one):

- 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: Section 15061(b)(3) - Common Sense Exemption
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See the attached page.

Lead Agency Steven Sopp
Contact Person: Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-684-4216

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: 12/18/24 Title: Principal Planner

Signed by Lead Agency X Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Tulare (City) has updated portions of their Title 10 Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with the 2035 Tulare General Plan (General Plan). The City is located in the western portion of Tulare County, California.

EXEMPTIONS:

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) – *Common Sense Exemption*

15061. REVIEW FOR EXEMPTION

(a) Once a lead agency has determined that an activity is a project subject to CEQA, a lead agency shall determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA.

(b) A project is exempt from CEQA if:

3. The activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The City's Zoning Ordinance is a tool for implementation of the goals and policies of the General Plan. The Project intends to update, provide clarity, and amend the ordinance codes for consistency with current State and local requirements as reflected in the General Plan. Implementation of the General Plan was determined to result in a less than significant impact with implementation of mitigation measures as found in the certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report and the adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The updates proposed by the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA under the common sense exemption.

The purpose of the Zoning Ordinance is to provide a zoning map and associated regulations to guide the physical development of Tulare in such a manner as to progressively achieve the general arrangement of the land uses described and depicted in the General Plan and guide development so that it is consistent with the General Plan. The proposed Zoning Ordinance updates would be consistent with the General Plan.

CONCLUSION

The Project has been determined to be consistent with the City of Tulare 2035 General Plan and will not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, this exemption under CEQA is warranted.