



# CITY OF ANAHEIM NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  Orange County Clerk Recorder  State Clearinghouse  
 County Administration South  
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 Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** City of Anaheim  
 Planning Department  
 200 S. Anaheim Blvd, MS 162  
 Anaheim, CA 92805

**PROJECT TITLE & FILE NUMBER:** Annual Zoning Code Update  
 Anaheim City Council, January 14, 2025 Agenda, Item No. 11  
 Ordinance No. 6601

**PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:** Citywide

**PROJECT LOCATION - City/County:** City of Anaheim, Orange County, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Amend Title 18 (Zoning) of the Anaheim Municipal Code to provide clarity, create consistency of terms and definitions, streamline approval processes, comply with changes in State law to existing regulations, amends Code requirements to reflect current market trends and support City Council Strategic Plan priorities. The proposed zoning code amendment includes modifications to permitted land uses, development standards, procedures, definitions, and adjustment to the Festival Specific Plan, East Center Street Development Specific Plan, Disneyland Resort Specific Plan, Anaheim Resort Specific Plan, Hotel Circle Specific Plan, Anaheim Canyon Specific Plan, and the Beach Boulevard Specific Plan. The proposed ordinance is a result of the Annual Code Update, which is in furtherance of the city's efforts to implement regulatory relief.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of Anaheim

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Anaheim **PHONE:** (714) 765-5139  
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**EXEMPT STATUS:**  Categorical Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statutory Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The subject ordinance would be exempt from the requirements to prepare additional environmental documentation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(3). This section is the "common sense exemption" that states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. If the Lead Agency can determine 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. Pursuant to this section, the proposed amendments and adjustments fit within the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. In that the proposed amendments and adjustments would provide clarity, create consistency of terms and definitions, streamline approval processes, and amend Code requirements to reflect current market trends, the proposed adjustments and amendments will not have a significant effect on the environment; and, therefore the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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Principal Planner  
 Title

1/15/25  
 Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant