



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION


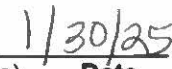
<b>TO:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92702
<b>FROM:</b> City of Lake Forest – Community Development Department   Planning Division 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630	

<b>Project Title:</b>	Zoning Code Amendment 11-23-5675		
<b>Project Applicant:</b>	City of Lake Forest		
<b>Project Location – Specific:</b>	Citywide		
<b>Project Location – City:</b>	Lake Forest	<b>County:</b>	Orange County
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:</b>	<p>ZC 11-23-5675 is a City-initiated Zoning Code Amendment to amend Title 9 (Zoning Code) of the Lake Forest Municipal Code. The Zoning Code Amendment includes numerous revisions that are administrative in nature and intended to, among other things, refine and clarify Zoning Code provisions, implement existing legal requirements, and reflect the City's actual and best practices.</p> <p>ZC 11-23-5675 includes revisions to Zoning Code Section 9.04.030 (definitions), Section 9.48.080 Residential Single-Family District-Site development standards, Table 9.72.090(A) (Land Use Matrix), Section 9.73.050 (Urban industrial 25 district), Table 9.73.065 (Mixed-use land use matrix), Section 9.144.080 (Accessory uses and structures), Section 9.146.020 (Animal hospitals and clinics), Section 9.164.030 (Signs-Definitions), Table 9.164.110A (Temporary Signs Permitted), Table 9.164.110B (Permanent Sign Permitted for Residential Uses), Table 9.164.110C (Permanent Signs Permitted for Nonresidential Uses), Section 9.164.140 (Nonconforming signs- Outside redevelopment project area), Section 9.168.040 (Residential off-street parking requirements), Section 9.168.070 (Off-street parking requirements), Section 9.184.010 (Discretionary permits and procedures), Section 9.184.020 (Types of permits), Section 9.184.070 (Revocation). ZC 11-23-5675 also includes the deletion of Zoning Code Section 9.164.150 (Nonconforming signs-Redevelopment project area).</p>		
<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b>	City of Lake Forest City Council		
<b>Name of Person/Agency Undertaking Project:</b>	City of Lake Forest 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630		
<b>Exempt Status:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))			
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))			

<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (Sec. & Class):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (Code Number):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060(c)(3), 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5)

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the following sections of the State CEQA Guidelines: Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment), Section 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) because it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and Section 15378(b)(5) because the changes are administrative in nature and will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment), and Section 15061(b)(3) (the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment). Specifically, the Ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because it involves minor refinements and clarifications to the Zoning Code, implements existing legal requirements, reflects the City's actual and best practices, and the changes are administrative in nature and do not propose nor authorize any action that would have the potential to cause a physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly. Therefore, the Zoning Code Amendment is not subject to CEQA.

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<b>Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Date of Public Hearing</b>
		January 28, 2025

 <b>Signature (Lead Agency Representative)</b>		Date Received for Filing:   <b>Date</b>
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