

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): City of Gardena

1700 W 162nd St

Gardena, CA 90247

(Address)

Project Title: City of Gardena Conditional Use Permit #8-24

Project Applicant: Wawa Claw LLC

Project Location - Specific:

1425 West Artesia Boulevard, STE 23

Project Location - City: Gardena

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request for a conditional use permit to operate an amusement arcade within an existing commercial tenant space located in an existing commercial shopping center within the General commercial (C-3) zoning district, in accordance with Section 18.32.030.H of the Gardena Municipal Code

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Gardena Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Matthew Chi

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 15301, Existing Facilities

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which exempts negligible or no expansions of use in existing facilities from the provisions of CEQA. The building in which the project is proposed already exists. The project will not include any alterations to the existing building footprint nor the exterior façade as previously approved. The building in which the amusement arcade would be located is an existing commercial tenant space within a multi-tenant commercial center, originally constructed in 1989 for retail and service purposes. As a result, the applicant's request to operate an arcade within the current commercial space is not considered an expansion of use.

The project is also categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), which exempts projects where it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question does not have a significant effect on the environment. As stated above, the amusement arcade is not an expansion of the existing commercial use and therefore will not create any significant effect on the environment.

The project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act. The cumulative impact of establishing the amusement arcade is not considered significant. The project is not located along any state-designated scenic highway nor within any designated hazardous waste site. The building where the arcade will be located is not considered a significant historical structure by any governmental body. Staff does not expect any significant impacts or unusual circumstances related to the approval of this project.

Therefore, the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Amanda Acuna Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-217-6110

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: *Amanda Acuna* Date: 3/19/2025 Title: Community Development Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency 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.