

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Cruz  
809 Center Street Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

(Address)

Project Title: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Ordinance

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - Specific:

Entire City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The ordinance prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers (GLB) within city limits with some limited exemptions. Use of GLBs will be exempt from the ordinance when used in the maintenance of parcels of 10 acres or more, used in the maintenance of DeLaveaga Park, Depot Park, Harvey West Park, Neary Lagoon, San Lorenzo Park, Rail Trail, University Terrace Park, and West Cliff, and when used by or at the direction of emergency responders. Prohibiting the use of GLBs will benefit city residents by decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and reducing noise pollution. The ordinance will go in to effect July 1, 2025.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz

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)); 1) Common Sense Exemption, 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 2) Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment, Section 15308, Class 8
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The ordinance is exempt from CEQA under the general rule, 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that the provisions contained in the ordinance would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, is exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, since the proposed ordinance would institute regulatory requirements intended to protect the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tiffany Wise-West

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-420-5433

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: Tiffany Wise-West

Date: 12/11/24

Title: Sustainability + Resiliency Officer

■ Signed by Lead Agency ■ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_