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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno Planning and Development Department
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Fresno, California 93721

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P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

Project Title: City of Fresno Housing Element Update

Project Location: Citywide

Project Location – city: City of Fresno **Project Location- county:** County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Fresno has updated its Housing Element as part of the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element. The update identifies current and projected housing needs, shows potential housing locations, and sets goals, policies, and programs to meet the community’s housing needs. The City must plan to accommodate 36,866 housing units under Fresno Council of Government’s Regional Housing Needs Plan, including 4,720 low-, 5,884 moderate-, and 15,904 above moderate-income units. The City of Fresno has identified suitable sites with adequate development capacity, with existing land use regulations and zoning designations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Fresno

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 – § 15061(b) Common Sense Exemption
- Statutory Exemption –

Reasons why project is exempt:

The City of Fresno has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to: (1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and (2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review of Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to have a significant adverse effect on the environment, the City of Fresno has determined that the proposed project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

Analysis: The proposed Housing Element is strictly a policy document that does not provide entitlements to any specific development projects. All development in the city must comply with the General Plan. The existing General Plan has sufficient capacity to accommodate all of the assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) allocation; therefore, there is no change from the existing development potential. The proposed goals and policies are either informative or would mirror existing State law that already applies to the City.

Pursuant to Housing Element Program 25, Municipal Code Amendments for Compliance with State Law and to Reduce Barriers to Housing Development, the City plans to amend the Municipal Code to address development standards and barriers to special-needs housing opportunities, which includes amending the density bonus as well as incorporating emergency shelters, low-barrier navigation centers, residential care facilities, and supportive housing. The proposed amendments to the Municipal Code would not result in significant environmental impacts as these development standards and facilities would still be required to comply with the City's General Plan and its zoning and land use designations. Further, the provisions of State law already apply to the City and could be requested by an applicant regardless of whether the Municipal Code is amended.

Table 3-1, *Program 25 Zoning Code Amendment Actions and CEQA Determination* in Exhibit G shows that each major action in Program 25 intends to update policies to comply with State law. New development would occur on land currently designated and zoned to allow residential uses to occur under the City's General Plan. Furthermore, all future development in the city would require housing sites to comply with local regulations, including the City's General Plan and Zoning Code.

Subsequent amendments to the City's land use or zoning regulations, such as those discussed in Program 25 would be subject to separate CEQA review at the time the amendments are prepared. In addition, future by-right development would still be subject to federal, State, and local regulations related to land use, such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, wetland conservation, and construction air quality permitting. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from further CEQA analysis. See Exhibit G, Environmental Assessment, for the complete CEQA analysis and justification for the finding.

Lead Agency Contact Person: City of Fresno
(559) 621-8062

If filed/signed by applicant:

Attach certified document of exemption finding (check if attached)

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes No

Signature: Sophia Pagoulatos **Date:** 1/2/2025

Printed Name and Title: Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager
City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant



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PROJECT TITLE CITY OF FRESNO HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF FRESNO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 621-8062
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2600 FRESNO ST	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93721

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION		\$	<u>0.00</u>

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