



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-08112025-306

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY CITY OF SONOMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/11/2025
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0811-02
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PROJECT TITLE
ORDINANCE ADOPTION FOR PERMITTING MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION, AND UNMANNED

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 933-2201
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS NO 1 THE PLAZA	CITY SONOMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95476
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$4,123.50 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,968.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,401.75 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ <u>50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ _____ |


PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

 TOTAL RECEIVED
 \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Norma Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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This notice was posted on 08/11/2025
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 09/11/2025

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: 
Norma Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF SONOMA

Notice of Exemption

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive #103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: Planning Department
City of Sonoma
No. 1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA 95476

Project Title: Ordinance Adoption for Permitting Motion Picture and Television Production, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and Adoption of a Filming Operations Permit Policy

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: An ordinance repealing and replacing SMC Chapter 7.40, Permits for Motion Picture and Television Production, and adding Chapter 7.42, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and a Resolution for the adoption of a new filming operations permit policy to establish clear guidelines for the application, approval, and operation of filming and drone activities.

Lead Agency: City of Sonoma, Community Development Department

Applicant: City of Sonoma, No 1 The Plaza, Sonoma, CA 95476

Exemption Status:

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption; state code number:
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The City determined that the adoption and implementation of the ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. As the project is adding regulations regarding the operation of unmanned aircraft systems without any physical project being approved and modifying the permit process for commercial filming, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Furthermore, this ordinance will not cause a direct or indirect physical change to the environment and is therefore not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The proposed ordinance is therefore exempt CEQA because it does not involve a commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Gates, Community Development Director
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Signature: 

Title: Community Development Director

Date: 8/8/2025