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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From:
City of Sierra Madre
Planning & Community Preservation Department
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

1.	**Project Title:**	MCUP 25-01, DDP 25-04
2.	**Project Applicant:**	Taylor Riechel
3.	**Project Address:**	261 N. Sunnyside Avenue
4.	**Project Location, City:**	Sierra Madre **County:** Los Angeles

5. Project Description (nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project):

Residential addition to a single-family residence required to comply with minimum development standards for covered parking. The applicant requests exemption from the minimum development standard for covered parking contending that compliance would require the removal of a healthy and mature Coast Live Oak. The addition also requires partial demolition of the exterior of a structure built in 1938, subject to the approval of a discretionary demolition permit to ensure that any demolition of a potential historic resource be conducted responsibly.

6. Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Sierra Madre

7. Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Taylor Riechel

8. Exempt Status (Check one):

☐	Ministerial	California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, §15268
☐	Emergency Project	California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
☐	Declared Emergency	California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
☒	Categorical Exemption	Class 1 – Existing Facilities, 14 CCR § 15301
☐	Statutory Exemption	(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, §(#))
☐	General Rule	(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, §15061(b)(3))

9. Reason why project is exempt:

The project involves a 394-square-foot addition to and 244-square-foot remodel of an existing 1,087-square-foot single-family residence. The project qualifies for a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption from environmental review, pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (14 CCR § 15301) as the project proposes an addition to an existing structure that increases its area by less than 50 percent of the area before addition.

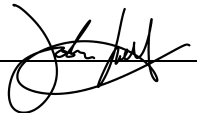
10. Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joshua Wolf **Phone:** (626) 355-7135

If filed by applicant:

1. Attached certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature  **Date:** 8/13/2025 **Title:** Senior Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

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