Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Hermosa Beach
Community Development Department
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Project Title: 1016 The Strand: Sea Sprite Hotel Alcohol CUP

Project Applicant: Scott Sorensen- Hermosa Hospitality LLC

Project Location - Specific: 1016 The Strand, Hermosa Beach CA 90254

Project Location - City: Hermosa Beach Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The applicant, Scott Sorensen of Hermosa Hospitality LLC, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City to allow for outdoor dining, outdoor live entertainment, and on-sale consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, & distilled spirits) for the Sea Sprite Hotel and restaurant.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Hermosa Beach, Community Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Scott Sorensen of Hermosa Hospitality LLC

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: Class 1 Section 15301 for Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the operation and permitting of existing private structures which involve negligible or no expansion of existing use. The scope of the CUP would not affect the physical condition of the site. Moreover, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the project, as defined in section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jake Whitney Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-318-0237

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: Jacob Whitney Date: 8/21/2025 Title: Associate Planner

☒ 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.

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