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Project Title

2ND READING OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 TO REGULATE GROUP HOMES AND MODIFY LAND USE DEFINITIONS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATED FEES.

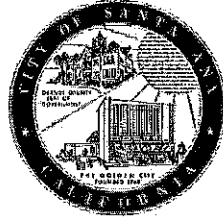
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- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

**To:** COUNTY CLERK/County of Orange  
P.O. Box 238  
Santa Ana, CA 92702-0238

**From:** City of Santa Ana  
P.O. Box 1988  
20 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Contact: Siri Champion, Senior Planner  
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**Project Title:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of a Zoning Ordinance to amend Chapter 41 and an Ordinance Amendment to amend Chapter 8 to regulate group homes and modify land use definitions and adoption of a resolution establishing associated fees.

**Date of Approval:** September 16, 2025

**Project Number(s):** Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) No. 2025-01, Ordinance Amendment (OA) No. 2025-01, and Resolution No. 2025-039

**Project Location:** Citywide

**City:** Santa Ana

**County:** Orange

**ER Number:** 2025-43

**Project Description:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Ana to establish regulations for the location, licensing, permitting, and operational requirements related to group homes. The proposed amendment also includes modifications to definitions. In addition, the applicant is requesting adoption of a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Miscellaneous Fees Schedule to establish a new fee for the review of Group Home Special Use Permit applications and a new fee for the review of Group Home Operator's Permit applications.

**Applicant Name:** City of Santa Ana

**Applicant Address:** 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92702

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Santa Ana

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Santa Ana

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b through e))

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- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3)/(5))
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption:
- Other: Sec. 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities)

**Reason(s) Why Project is Exempt from CEQA:** Pursuant CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from review pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Moreover, the project is categorically exempt from further review per Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Class 1 exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project proposes to adopt regulations pertaining to location, licensing, permitting, and operating standards for group homes, and will not expand the existing use. None of the exceptions enumerated in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the Class 1 exemption applicable here. The adoption of the fee resolution is exempt from CEQA review because it is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**City Contact:** Siri A. Champion **Title:** Senior Planner **Telephone:** (714) 667-2751

**Signature:**  **Date:** September 19, 2025

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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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 30-09/19/2025-0713

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY CITY OF SANTA ANA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/19/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202585000902	

PROJECT TITLE

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SANTA ANA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (714) 667-2751
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 20 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA	CITY SANTA ANA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92702

**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 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)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00**

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>Melissa Gomez</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Melissa Gomez Deputy Clerk
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