



County of Santa Cruz

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
Attn: Juliette Rezzato
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Project Name: Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Project Location: County-wide

Assessor Parcel No.: N/A

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz

Project Description: This project involves a proposed amendment to the Santa Cruz County Code to repeal the Hosted Rental and Vacation Rental Ordinances and adopt the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. The proposed amendments modify existing regulations of vacation rentals and hosted rentals to clarify the regulations, set countywide caps and modify designated area caps on the number of rentals, implement a response hotline, and establish guidelines for online advertising platforms, among other revisions.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Fernanda Dias Pini

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Date Completed: 08/19/2025

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on August 19, 2025 (date) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: *(check one)*

- ☐ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- ☐ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- ☒ The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- ☐ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
Specify type:
☐ **Categorical Exemption**

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The proposed amendments to the Santa Cruz County Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense” exemption, because the amendments are relatively minor adjustments to existing regulations and implement additional limitations and enforcement provisions related to short-term rentals, an already permitted use in the County Code. The regulations included in the proposed ordinance function to limit the impacts of the allowed uses, and therefore no significant environmental impacts are reasonably foreseeable.

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Signature: Mark Connolly
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Date: August 19, 2025

Title: Environmental Coordinator