City of Rancho Santa Margarita
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _X_ County of Orange
Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

__X__ Office of Planning and Research
Submitted via online at https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov/

Project Title and File Number: Ordinance No. 25-03: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, Adopting Zoning Code Text Amendment ZCA 25-001 Amending and Restating Section 9.04.190 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) of Chapter 9.04 (Regulations For Special Uses And Structures) in Accordance with State Law, including an Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.17.

Project Applicant: City of Rancho Santa Margarita
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Project Location: Citywide (Rancho Santa Margarita, Orange County, California)

Project Description: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita adopting Zoning Code Text Amendment ZCA 25-001 amending and restating Section 9.04.190 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) of Chapter 9.04 (Regulations For Special Uses And Structures) in accordance with State Law.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

[**X**] Public Agencies (14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3))
[**X**] Local Ordinances Regulating Construction of Dwelling Units and Second Units (Section 21080.17 of California Public Resources Code)
[ ] Statutory Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15260 et seq.)
[ ] Ministerial (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15268)
[ ] Declared Emergency (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15269(a))
[ ] Emergency Project (14 Cal Code of Regs Sec. 15269(b),(c), (d) and (e))
[ ] Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sections 15300 et seq.)

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3) of CEQA Guidelines and Section 21080.17 of the California Public Resources Code, the adoption of local ordinances regulating construction of dwelling units and second units by public agencies are exempt. The project is an amendment to the City's local ordinances regulating accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units. Therefore, the project is exempt from further review under CEQA.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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If filed by Applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
   [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: _____

Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner **Date:** October 9, 2025