

City of Rancho Santa Margarita
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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
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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: Adopt Ordinance No. 25-05: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, Amending Title 10 (Buildings And Construction) of the Rancho Santa Margarita Municipal Code by adopting the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code Of Regulations, Title 24) consisting of the 2025 California Building Code, including Appendix B and I, based on the 2024 International Building Code; the 2025 California Residential Code, including Appendix BF, BH and AA, based on the 2024 International Residential Code; the 2025 Green Building Standards Code; the 2025 California Plumbing Code, based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code; the 2025 California Mechanical Code, based on the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code; the 2025 California Administrative Code; the 2025 California Electrical Code, based on the 2023 National Electrical Code; the 2025 California Referenced Standards Code; the 2025 California Energy Code; the 2025 California Historical Building Code; the 2025 California Existing Building Code; and the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, including Appendices F and G, based on the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, together with certain Amendments, Additions, and Deletions; and adopting the 2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code.

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

Project Description: Ordinance No. 25-05 of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, Amending Title 10 (Buildings And Construction) of the Rancho Santa Margarita Municipal Code by adopting the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code Of Regulations, Title 24).

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Other (14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3))
- 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 the CEQA Guidelines, the Ordinance (Project) adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code is exempt from CEQA review since the project will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from 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?
 Yes [] No

Signature: _____



Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

Date: October 9, 2025