I hereby certify and attest this to be a true and correct copy of the original record on file in the office of the Department of City Planning of the City of Los Angeles designated as ENV-2025-1649-SE
Jenna Monterrosa
Department Representative

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS	SCH NUMBER
CPC-2025-1648-CA	**N/A**
LEAD CITY AGENCY	CASE NUMBER
City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)	**ENV-2025-1649-SE**
PROJECT TITLE	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Emergency Shelter Code Amendment	**All**

PROJECT LOCATION: (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) ☐ Map attached.
Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ☐ Additional page(s) attached.
An ordinance amending Ch 1 Sections 12.80 and 12.81 and Ch 1A Sections 1.6.2 and 1.6.3, and other related sections, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make technical amendments to align with emergency shelter provisions in state law (Government Code Section 8698 et. seq).

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:
City of Los Angeles

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.
Julia Heidelman	**(818)-374-5045**

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☒ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) **State Public Resource Code Sec. 21080(b)(4)**

☐ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (Stete CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)

CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) _____

☒ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b))

State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15378(b) and CA Government Code Sec. 8698.4(a)(4)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: ☒ Additional page(s) attached

See attached.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.
☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.
If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE	STAFF TITLE
Jenna Monterrosa	**Principal City Planner**
ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED	
Code Amendment	

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JUSTIFICATION FOR CEQA EXEMPTION

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) and/or Public Resources Code 21080(b)(4), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)
Adoption of the proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a) provides that a project under CEQA is one that "has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." Section 15378(b) provides that administrative and organizational activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not projects for purposes of CEQA.

The proposed ordinance does not involve any activities that will directly or indirectly alter the environment from its current conditions. The proposed amendments to LAMC Ch. 1 Sec. 12.80 and 12.81 and Ch. 1A Sec. 1.6.2 and 1.6.3 are administrative and organizational in nature and will ensure that local regulations align with the applicable provisions of State law. There is no potential that the proposed ordinance will result in the creation of additional emergency shelters, as it does not make any changes to existing allowances for emergency shelters. The anticipated result of the proposed ordinance is that temporary emergency shelters will continue to be able to be established and would not result in any direct or indirect impact to the environment. The provisions will continue to only apply during a declared shelter crisis emergency pursuant to state law (CA Gov. Code Sec. 8698 et. seq). A shelter crisis may be revoked by the Mayor or City Council at any time.

PRC Section 21080(b)(4) (Emergency Projects)
Additionally, approval of the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4), which provides that emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. In particular, this exemption provides that specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are exempt from CEQA.

While it is clear that the proposed ordinance will not have any significant effect on the environment, even in the unlikely and unforeseeable event that they did, any impacts that could occur from the existing and continuing regulations would occur during times of extreme need for housing, upon declaration of a shelter crisis emergency pursuant to CA Gov. Code Sec. 8698 et seq. Any potential impacts from the proposed amendments to LAMC Ch. 1 Sec. 12.80 and 12.81 and Ch. 1A Sec. 1.6.2 and 1.6.3, and other related sections would therefore be temporary in nature and necessary to mitigate an emergency shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles.

Therefore, on the basis of the whole of the record before the lead agency including any comments received, the lead agency finds that the adoption of the proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA. The analysis reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis. The records upon which this decision is based are with the Planning Department in Room 750, 200 North Spring Street in Los Angeles, California.