Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Whittier
13230 Penn Street
Whittier, CA 900602
(Address)

Project Title: Ordinance No. 3172, Temporarily Suspending the City of Whittier Parkway Tree Manual

Project Applicant: City of Whittier

Project Location - Specific:
City of Whittier (Citywide)

Project Location - City: Whittier Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed Ordinance No. 3172 would suspend Municipal Code Section 12.40.100(D) and the provisions of the Parkway Tree Manual until June 30, 2026. Municipal Code Section 12.40.100(D) and the Parkway Tree Manual contain extensive procedures governing tree inspections, removal, notice, hearing, and appeal requirements. During this period of suspension, City staff would conduct a comprehensive review of the Parkway Tree Manual and Municipal Code Chapter 12.40 for potential revisions as part of a comprehensive update associated with all liability policies. These revisions would be designed to promote efficiency by streamlining the processes related to City trees to better protect the City's urban forest and preserve public safety. Additionally, during this suspension period, the City Manager would exercise discretion based on the health of the tree and as recommended by the City designated certified arborist in determining whether a tree should be removed in a manner that comports with the purposes of the Parkway Tree Manual. The City would continue the practice of replacing trees that are removed (removed trees would be replanted with a minimum 15-gallon replacement tree).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Whittier

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Whittier

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(c), 15060(c)(2), and 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

City of Whittier Ordinance No. 3172 is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) because the ordinance allows for the maintenance of existing facilities. Further under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), the adoption of the ordinance would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is further and independently exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), in that it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the adoption of this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kyle Cason Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-567-9500

If filed by applicant:

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: _____ Date: 11/20/25 Title: Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk
Electronically signed by MARY JOANNE PUAINA

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED
ON November 20 2025
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REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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