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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Orange Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92701	**From:** City of Laguna Woods 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637 (949) 639-0500

Project Title: 2025 California Building Standards Code and Local Amendments

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Woods
24264 El Toro Road
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Project Location – Specific: Citywide

Project Location – City: Laguna Woods, California **Project Location – County:** Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On November 19, 2025, the Laguna Woods City Council approved second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 25-05 – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), CONSISTING OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2025 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AND 2025 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS
CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS

On November 19, 2025, the Laguna Woods City Council approved second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 25-06 – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS TO THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 9); AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

On November 19, 2025, the Laguna Woods City Council approved second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 25-07 – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS TO THE 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 7); AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The ordinances amend Laguna Woods Municipal Code, Title 10 (Buildings and Construction) and adopt by reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24), consisting of the 2025 California Administrative Code, 2025 California Building Code, 2025 California Residential Code, 2025 California Electrical Code, 2025 California Mechanical Code, 2025 California Plumbing Code, 2025 California Energy Code, 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2025 California Historical Building Code, 2025 California Fire Code, 2025 California Existing Building Code, 2025 California Green Building Standards Code (also referred to as CALGreen), and 2025 California Referenced Standards Code, together with certain amendments, additions, and deletions thereto. The ordinances confirm the City's compliance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 24; clarify and enhance ease of use and application of Laguna Woods Municipal Code, Title 10, both for internal parties and the public; and, adopt local amendments to the 2025 California Fire Code and 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code to decrease the potential incidence of property damage, injury, and death due to fires and earthquakes, in a manner that is reasonable and necessary to mitigate local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. The effective date of the ordinances is January 1, 2026.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Laguna Woods

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Laguna Woods

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Exempt Status:

	Categorical Exemptions
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
	Statutory Exemption
X	Not Subject to CEQA (Sec. 15060(c)(2); 15060(c)(3); 15378(b)(2); 15378(b)(5); 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Public Resources Code Section 21000, et. seq., as amended and implementing State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (collectively "CEQA") pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2) (the activities will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activities are not a project as defined in section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3. CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) excludes "[c]ontinuing administrative. . . activities, such as . . . general policy and procedure making" and Section 15378(b)(5) excludes "[o]rganizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment" from its definition of "project."

Even if this project were subject to CEQA, it would be exempt based on CEQA Guideline section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Signature: _____ Date: 11/21/2025

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City of Laguna Woods

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

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