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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Lakeport
225 Park Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

COUNTY CLERK
LAKE COUNTY

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County Clerk
County of Lake
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

PROJECT TITLE: **Country Air Properties Digital Sign**

PROJECT APPLICANT: **Country Air Properties (Phil Smoley)**

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: **460 South Main Street, Lakeport, CA
APN: 025-501-20**

PROJECT LOCATION - City: **Lakeport** COUNTY: **Lake**

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE,
PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF
PROJECT:

The applicant, Country Air Properties, proposes to retrofit an existing freestanding sign at 460 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA, with a 4' x 8' (32 sq. ft.) double-sided electronic message center (EMC) manufactured by Cirrus Systems. The EMC will be mounted on the existing sign pole with associated hardware and a low-profile controller. Electrical service will be provided via dedicated 20-amp lines on a separate circuit from existing back-lit components. The total combined signage area, including the EMC, will be 94.75 sq. ft., remaining under the 100 sq. ft. maximum permitted by the Lakeport Municipal Code.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY
APPROVING THE PROJECT:

**City of Lakeport
Community Development Department**

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY
CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:

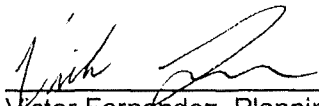
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EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)

- ☐ 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: Section 15311**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code No. _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS
EXEMPT:

The project qualifies for the Class 11 (Accessory Structures) categorical exemption because it consists of the placement of a minor structure accessory to an existing commercial facility. CEQA Guidelines §15311 defines Class 11 to include "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial... facilities," expressly listing on-premise signs as an example of exempt work.



Victor Fernandez, Planning Services Manager
Signed by Lead Agency

December 2, 2025
Date

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: _____ Title: _____

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: _____