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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
105 E. ANAPAMU STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

FROM: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION
P.O. BOX 1990
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102-1990

Project Title: 2025 California Building and Fire Codes

Project Applicant: Community Development Department, City of Santa Barbara

Application Number: Not applicable

Assessor's Parcel Number: ALL

Land Use and Zone District: ALL

Project Address: City of Santa Barbara

City: City of Santa Barbara / County of Santa Barbara

Project Description: On December 2, 2025, the City of Santa Barbara adopted amendments to the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Ordinance and by Reference the most current State Building Standards. The amendments to the Municipal Code result in the following:

- Changes the height requirement for walls requiring a building permit from 3.5' to 5' feet to align with zoning code change (excludes retaining and non-retain block walls)
- Adopts California Wildland-Interface Code as a stand-alone code and relocates previously amended related construction requirements from the California Residential and Building, Code to new Wildland-Interface Code.
- Establish City of Santa Barbara Wildland Fire Plan as adopted.
- Adds clarifying language for square footage calculation for determining when fire sprinklers are required on remodels and a Higher Hazard Occupancy Classification Table.
- Adds definitions for spark arrester, tracer, tracer charge, and Wildland-Urbane Interface Area.
- Updates International Code language referring to "Prevention Department"; replaces with "Fire Prevention Bureau".

- California has adopted the 2025 edition of the California Wildland Urban Interface Code which incorporates and replaces Chapter 49 of the 2022 California Fire Code.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

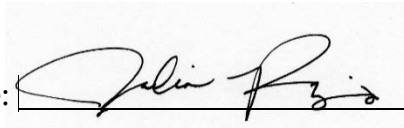
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tina Dye, Chief Building Official

Lead Agency Contact: Julia Pujo, Environmental Analyst **Telephone:** (805) 564-5470

Exempt Status: Exempt under CEQA Section § 15308

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308. Section 15308 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Environmental Analyst Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Pujo', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Date: 12/8/2025