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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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☒County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: ☒Riverside County Fire Department
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Project Title/Case No.: Ordinance No. 787.11

Project Location: The unincorporated area of Riverside County

Project Description: Ordinance No. 787.11 amends Ordinance No. 787, the Ordinance of the County of Riverside Adopting the 2025 California Fire Code and California Wildland Urban-Interface Code as amended, in its entirety and replaces it with new language adopting the 2025 California Fire Code and California Wildland Urban-Interface Code as amended ensuring consistency with state law.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside

Project Applicant & Address: County of Riverside

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

☐Statutory Exemption

☒Other: *15061(b)(3), not a project under 15378, PRC 21080.49*

Reasons why project is exempt: Ordinance No. 787.11 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3) and Public Resources Code section 21080.49. Ordinances that merely incorporate existing law do not constitute a project under CEQA. (Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of Upland (2016) 245 Cal.App.4th 1265, 1273.) In addition, organizational and/or administrative activities of government entities, such as the reorganization, formatting, addition of introductory explanation to the ordinance, and changes to administrative processing and application requirements do not constitute a project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Finally, Ordinance No. 787.11 is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendment to Ordinance No. 787 may have a significant effect on the environment. The vast majority of the changes to Ordinance No. 787 are incorporating existing state law pursuant to the various changes in the 2025 California Fire Code and California Wildland Urban-Interface Code. The other changes to Ordinance No. 787 are related to imposing more restrictive standards for permit applicants based on express findings of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Ordinance No. 787.11 does not lead to any direct improvements, developments, or any other projects and no building, fire protection system or grading permits are being issued with its adoption. Additionally, the remaining changes in Ordinance No. 787.11 are administrative and organizational which streamline administration and processing requirements. As a result, adoption of Ordinance No. 787.11 is exempt from CEQA and there is no possibility that this amendment will cause a significant impact on the environment.

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Kylie Tillema — Assistant Fire Marshal — 11/20/2025
Signature — Title — Date

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