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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Fence Ordinance Update, File No. ORD25-0006
Public Agency: County of Sonoma
Project Applicant: County of Sonoma
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Project Location: Countywide
Date of Approval: 12/16/2025

To:
County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT: Ordinance No. 6547 includes amendments to Chapter 26 (Zoning Code) of the Sonoma County Code to simplify the permitting process for certain types of fences by establishing objective standards for fences and similar structures based on height, materials, and fence design, and providing reduced permitting requirements in accordance with those standards. These standards and permitting requirements will apply to fences within the residential zoning districts (AR - Agricultural Residential, RR - Rural Residential, R1 - Low Density Residential, R2 - Medium Density Residential, and R3 - High Density Residential), and the Recreation and Visitor-Serving Commercial (K) zoning district. Consistent with the Sonoma County General Plan, the ordinance also proposes to exempt qualifying agricultural fences from design review requirements when applicable.

EXEMPT STATUS: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(e)

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Permit Sonoma has determined that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(e) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which provides for the new construction of small accessory structures such as fences.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Azine Spalding, Project Planner
Permit Sonoma
Comprehensive Planning Division
(707) 565-2541

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-12222025-495

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF SONOMA		12/22/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	25-1222-01

PROJECT TITLE

FENCE ORDINANCE UPDATE, FILE NO. ORD25-0006

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
COUNTY OF SONOMA		(707) 565-2541

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2550 VENTURA AVE	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
x Carrie Anderson	Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT COPY - CDFW/ASB COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)