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CITY OF SONOMA

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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive #103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: Planning Department
City of Sonoma
No. 1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA 95476

Project Title: Municipal Code Amendments – Housing Element Program 15 Implementation

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Sonoma Municipal Code to Implement Housing Element Program 15 to accommodate low barrier navigation center, supportive housing, transitional housing, residential care facilities, qualified employee housing, single room occupancy, and emergency shelters consistent with state law in City's Zoning Code (Title 19) in multiple sections.

Lead Agency: City of Sonoma, Community Development Department

Applicant: City of Sonoma, No 1 The Plaza, Sonoma, CA 95476

Exemption Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(I); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption; state code number:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: City determined that the adoption and implementation of the ordinances are exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. As a series of text amendments and additions without any physical project being approved, and not involving a commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

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Signature: _____ Title: Community Development Director

Date: 1/27/2026