

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno Planning and Development Dept.
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Fresno, California 93721

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Project Title: Conditional Use Permit Application No. P25-02399

Project Location: 1084 West Bullard Avenue; Located on the north side of West Bullard Avenue, between North Fruit and North Palm Avenues (APN: 407-192-17)

Project Location – City: City of Fresno

Project Location – County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Authorization to construct two self-supporting sanctuary wings equaling 736 square feet total and two self-supporting service rooms equaling 632 square feet total to an existing Sanctuary to accommodate more seating.

Beneficiaries of The Project Would Be: Douglas Hembd of Hembd Design
1418 Beverly Court
Clovis, CA 93611

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Douglas Hembd

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- ☐ Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- ☐ Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines 15303/Class 3**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____
- ☐ Other _____

Reason(s) Why Project Is Exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under Section 15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

This project is exempt under Section 15303/Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Section 15303/Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

- c) A store, motel, office, restaurant or similar structure not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and not exceeding 2500 square feet in floor area. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to up to four such commercial buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area on sites zoned for such use if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances where all necessary public services and facilities are available and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

This project proposes construction of two self-supporting sanctuary wings equaling 736 square feet total and two self-supporting service rooms equaling 632 square feet total to an existing Sanctuary to accommodate more seating. The proposed addition is less than 2,500 square feet in floor area. The proposed sanctuary wings and service rooms are permitted in the Residential Single-Unit, Medium Low Density district. Therefore, it is staff's determination that this falls within the limits of the Class 3 Categorical Exemption.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Valeria Ramirez

Telephone No. (559) 621-8046

Signature: 

Date: January 30, 2026

Printed Name and Title:

Robert Holt, Supervising Planner
City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Enclosed:

- ❖ Site Location Vicinity Map
- ❖ Categorical Exemption Memo

VICINITY MAP



 Subject Property

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P25-02399**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Conditional Use Permit Application No. P25-02399 was filed by Douglas Hembd on behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church and pertains to the ±2.62-acre lot located on the north side of W Bullard Ave and west of N Maroa Ave. The applicant is proposing a phased major revised exhibit to add two self supporting sanctuary wings equaling 736 square feet total and two self supporting service rooms equaling 632 square feet total to an existing Sanctuary to accommodate more seating. The existing structure will remain unaltered with two exterior walls being opened into the new self supporting wings. The parcel is zoned RS-4 (*Residential Single-Unit, Medium Low Density*).

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None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, as the subject site is a developed property in an urbanized commercial area, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

Date: January 30, 2026

Submitted by:



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