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24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.
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Exemption Code 6103



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Orange Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92701	From: City of Laguna Woods 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637 (949) 639-0500
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Project Title: City Council Salary and Expense Reimbursement

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Woods
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637
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Project Location – Specific: Citywide

Project Location – City: Laguna Woods, California **Project Location – County:** Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On February 18, 2026, the Laguna Woods City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-01 titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.02 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The ordinance amends Chapter 2.02 (“City Council Generally”) of the Laguna Woods Municipal Code related to the salary that each member of the City Council is eligible to receive and the expenses incurred in the performance of official duties that each member of the City Council is eligible to be reimbursed for. The ordinance is intended to increase the salary that each member of the City Council is eligible to receive in a manner that is consistent with California Government Code Section 36516. Such increase has been proposed due to the existing salary having remained unchanged since it was first adopted in 1999 and not keeping pace with inflation. The ordinance is also intended to modify and update provisions related to the expenses incurred in the performance of official duties that each member of the City Council is eligible to be reimbursed

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for in a manner that is consistent with California Government Code Section 36514.5. The ordinance will take effect beginning with the salaries paid for, and expenses incurred during, the month of January 2027.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Laguna Woods

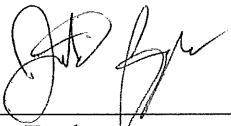
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Laguna Woods

Exempt Status:

	Categorical Exemptions
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
	Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15273)
X	Not Subject to CEQA See below for additional information

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The ordinance is not subject to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Public Resources Code Section 21000, et. seq., as amended and implementing State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (collectively “CEQA”) pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2) (the activities will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activities are not a project as defined in section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3. CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) excludes “[c]ontinuing administrative. . . activities, such as . . . general policy and procedure making” and Section 15378(b)(5) excludes “[o]rganizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” from its definition of “project.”

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Signature:  _____ Date: 2/23/2026

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Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.