

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
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From: **CITY OF CARLSBAD**  
**Planning Division**  
**1635 Faraday Avenue**  
**Carlsbad, CA 92008**  
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**Subject:** Filing of this Notice of Exemption is in compliance with Section 21152b of the Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act).

**Project Number and Title:** CDP 2025-0029 (DEV2023-0056) – DEVRIES TRIPLEX

**Project Location - Specific:** 2445 Ocean Street

**Project Location - City:** Carlsbad

**Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Project:** Remodel of an existing nonconforming triplex within the appealable jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. Project includes the conversion of 386 square feet of existing habitable space into additional deck areas in unit A and C, and the enclosure of 66 square feet of deck area to create additional living space for unit B, with other interior modifications to the layout of all three units. Reroofing, new exterior finishes, and changes to hardscape and landscape areas are also proposed.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Carlsbad

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** ANDREW PINARD, BRIAN CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

**Name of Applicant:** ANDREW PINARD, BRIAN CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

**Applicant's Address:** 507 S. CEDROS AVE, SOLANA BEACH, CA 92075

**Applicant's Telephone Number:** (858) 793-3437

**Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the project (if different from the applicant above):**  
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**Exempt Status:** *(Check One)*

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption - State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301(a) Existing Facilities – Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions - State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:** CEQA Section 15301 (a), allows for interior and exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances. The project consists of the remodel of a three-unit structure which will result in no increase in the number of units and a net decrease in the total amount of interior habitable space within the structure.

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## Exceptions to Exemptions

### CEQA Section 15300.2 – Exceptions

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Planning staff evaluated all the potential exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions for the proposed project (in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) and determined that none of these exceptions apply as explained below:

- a. **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

**Response** – Class 1 categorical exemptions are not subject to this exception.

- b. **Cumulative Impact** - “All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.”

**Response** – There is no evidence of successive similar projects in the area that would result in cumulative environmental impacts. The project consists of a new detached accessory dwelling unit on a property developed with a single-family home. The project will not contribute to cumulative impacts related to air quality, noise, transportation, or other environmental concerns. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- c. **Significant Effect** - “A categorical exemption shall not be used for any activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Examples include projects, which may affect scenic or historical resources.”

**Response** – There are no unusual circumstances associated with the project or project site that would have a significant impact on the environment due to the project.

- d. **Scenic Highway** - “A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.”

**Response** – Ocean Street is not officially designated as a state scenic highway nor are there any scenic or historic resources located onsite. Therefore, implementation of the Project will result in similar visual conditions compared with a “no project” scenario.

- e. **Hazardous Waste Site** - “A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.”

**Response** – A review of available records did not identify any sites which are included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.4 of the Government Code.

- f. **Historical Resources** - “A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.”

**Response** – There is no evidence that the project site contains or is associated with any historical resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.070(B) - Exceptions**

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Exceptions. Even though a project may otherwise be eligible for an exemption, no exemption shall apply in the following circumstances:

1. Grading and clearing activities affecting sensitive plant or animal habitats, which disturb, fragment or remove such areas as defined by either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code Sections 2050 et seq.), or the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. Section 15131 et seq.); sensitive, rare, candidate species of special concern; endangered or threatened biological species or their Revised 04/19 habitat (specifically including sage scrub habitat for the California Gnatcatcher); or archaeological or cultural resources from either historic or prehistoric periods;

Or

2. Parcel maps, plot plans and all discretionary development projects otherwise exempt but which affect sensitive, threatened, or endangered biological species or their habitat (as defined above), archaeological or cultural resources from either historic or prehistoric periods, wetlands, stream courses designated on U.S. Geological Survey maps, hazardous materials, unstable soils, or other factors requiring special review, on all or a portion of the site. (Ord. NS-593, 2001)

**Response** – The proposed project is remodel to an existing three-unit residence on a developed lot, located in an established residential neighborhood. There are no sensitive plant or animal habitats located on site. While the broader area is identified in the city's Tribal, Cultural and Paleontological Resources Guidelines as having sensitivity for cultural and paleontological resources, the site itself is not associated with any known archaeological site or Tribal Cultural Resource. Therefore, the exceptions outlined in Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.070(B) do not apply.

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