

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
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County of Contra Costa  
555 Escobar Street  
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Lead City of Pleasant Hill  
Agency: 100 Gregory Lane  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Project Title:** Accessory Dwelling Unit Zoning Ordinance Amendment - 2026

**Project Applicant:** City of Pleasant Hill, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Project Locations - Specific:** City-Wide, City of Pleasant Hill

**Project Location - City:** Pleasant Hill

**Project Location – County:** Contra Costa

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** An amendment to the existing Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (PHMC Section 18.15.050) is proposed to comply with recent modifications to state law related to processing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) applications. Amendments to the ADU Ordinance reflect current state law with regards to coastal development permits, disaster-affected areas, JADU owner-occupancy, ADU/JADU short-term rentals, ADU/JADU size, number of ADU/JADU, impact fees and permitting timeline.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Pleasant Hill

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Andrew Shiflet, Associate Planner, City of Pleasant Hill  
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**Exempt Status:** (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1), 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3), Sec. 15269(a))
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15301, Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemption (\_\_\_\_)
- Exempt (Section 15061(b)(3))


**Reason why project is exempt:**

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, the lead agency has determined that the proposed activity is exempt from CEQA. The City, as the lead agency, has determined with certainty that the proposed activity will not have a significant effect on the environment, as the proposed amendments are intended to comply with State law and have an ordinance consistent with State mandated provisions. In addition, under California Public Resources Code section 21080.17, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county implementing the provisions of section 65852.2 of the Government Code, which is California’s ADU law and which also regulates JADUs as defined by section

65852.22. Therefore, the proposed ADU ordinance is statutorily exempt from CEQA in that the proposed ordinance implements the State's ADU law

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