

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

**From: (Public Agency):** City of Mission Viejo

200 Civic Center

Mission Viejo, CA 92691

(Address)

Project Title: P-DCA2026-0001 - Objective Design Standards

Project Applicant: City of Mission Viejo

Project Location - Specific:

City-wide project - Development Code Amendment

Project Location - City: Mission Viejo

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Amend Title 9 of the Mission Viejo Municipal Code, to establish Objective Design Standards (ODS)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Mission Viejo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Mission Viejo

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15060, subd. (c)(2), Section 15061, subd. (b)(3), and Section 15378 (3)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Development Code Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060, subd. (c)(2) because the it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subd. (b)(3) because there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. All projects for which the Objective Design Standards would apply will undergo separate CEQA review. In addition, this ODS identification is not a "project" within the meaning of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b) because CEQA does not apply to general policymaking and adoption procedure where there is no possibility that the action or activity in question will have the potential, itself, to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Afshin Atapour, Senior Planner

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Afshin Atapour Date: 5.13.2026 Title: Senior Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_