

**Notice of Exemption**

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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) City of El Monte  
11333 Valley Boulevard  
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*(Address)*

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Project Title: Code Amendment (AMEND) No. 3-2026

**Project Location - Specific:**

Citywide

Project Location - City: El Monte

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

**Description of Project:**

Approval of AMEND No. 3-2026 Amending Chapters 17.30 (Mixed/Multiuse Zoning District), 17.40 (Commercial Zoning Districts), 17.42 (Manufacturing Zoning Districts), 17.16 (Nonconforming Provisions), 17.112 (Standards for Specific Nonresidential Uses) and 17.150 (Use Definitions) of Title 17 (Zoning) and Chapter 8.10 (Retail Sales of Tobacco Products) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the El Monte Municipal Code.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Monte

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of El Monte

**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: 15061(b)(3) Review for Exemption
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Staff determined that the proposed Project qualifies for an ARTICLE 5 - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION - SECTION 15061 (b) (3) under the "Common Sense" exemption because the action does not approve any development or construction in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) OF 1970 AND THE CEQA GUIDELINES AS AMENDED.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Sandra Elias Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-258-8621

**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:  Date: 4/9/2026 Title: City Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

January 2004