

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Exemption Number: SE-25-142

Project Title (Application Number): Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) Ordinance (Case No. 2509-13)

Project Location – Specific: Citywide

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA25-001) and Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA25-001) to introduce and establish new regulations for Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs) within Title 21 of the Zoning Regulations to support proposed changes to Title 5 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. The proposed amendments would be to Chapters 21.15 and 21.51 of the Zoning Regulations to 1) add a definition of a MEHKO and clarifications to existing definitions and 2) add MEHKOs as a permitted home occupation in compliance with State of California Health and Safety Code regulations (California Health and Safety Code §113825) and proposed changes to Title 5 the Long Beach Municipal Code. (Citywide)

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Long Beach, Department of Community Development


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: _____
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15601(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

As indicated in state law, a MEHKO shall be a permitted use of residential property and the use of a residence for the purposes of a MEHKO shall not constitute a change of occupancy for purposes of the State Housing Law or for purposes of local building and fire codes. Future applications would have a similar form and function as approved home occupation uses that function incidental to the residential use. Furthermore, the operating requirements for MEHKO in Title 5 of the LBMC would ensure that all MEHKO operations do not result in incompatibility or nuisance. Therefore, per Section 15061 of the State CEQA Guidelines, it can be seen with certainty that the subject modifications to the LBMC would not have the potential for having a significant effect upon the environment, and therefore, the activity is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

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