

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



TO:

FROM:

[X] County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite #302
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

[] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE: April 28, 2026

PROJECT NAME: 2026 Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and Housing Law Updates

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Santa Clarita, Department of Community Development
(Contact: Andy Olson; 661.255.4973)

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Santa Clarita is updating the Santa Clarita Municipal Code (SCMC), including text amendments to Chapter 16 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 17 (Zoning). The proposed amendments include amendments to the City’s accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance, amendments to the City’s two-unit development (Senate Bill 9) ordinance, and amendments to implement Housing Element Program HP-2.1.

This is to advise that the [] Director of Community Development [] Planning Commission [X] City Council of the City of Santa Clarita has approved the above project on April 28, 2026. Review of the project by the Department of Community Development found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

EXEMPT STATUS: A Notice of Exemption was prepared for the proposed project. Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 states that the adoption of an ADU ordinance by a city or county to implement Section 65852.1 of, or Article 2 (commencing with Section 66314) or Article 3 (commencing with Section 66333) of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of, the Government Code, is exempt from CEQA. Further, California Government Code Section 66411.7(n) states that adoption of an ordinance to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 9 are exempt from CEQA under Division 13 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 21000). The project further is exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code of Regs. § 15000, et seq.) Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption. The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Person or agency carrying out the project: City of Santa Clarita, Department of Community Development.

This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption with comments/responses and record of project approval is available for public review at:

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development Department
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 302
Santa Clarita, California 91355
(661) 255-4330

Contact Person/Title: Andy Olson, Associate Planner

Signature: Andy Olson 4/30/26