



CITY OF SAN MATEO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
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MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By **KAMILLE SANTOS**

TO: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	TO: County Clerk County of San Mateo 555 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063
FROM: City of San Mateo 330 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403	

PROJECT TITLE: Updates to the City of San Mateo’s Mills Act Program for Establishing and Administering Historic Preservation Agreements	
PROJECT APPLICANT: City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division	
PROJECT LOCATION SPECIFIC: Citywide. Individual properties and contributors to historic districts listed in the Historic Resources Inventory.	
PROJECT LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTY): San Mateo, San Mateo County	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As part of a comprehensive historic policy update effort, the City has updated its Mills Act Program, which was originally adopted by City Council on October 28, 1993, to align with General Plan 2040, the proposed updated Historic Preservation Ordinance, and current State statutory requirements. Updates and revisions to the City’s Mills Act Program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated eligibility requirements to require local designation. • Sets a limit of no more than two agreements to be approved per year, with priority given to properties located within an Equity Priority neighborhood, properties with lower appraised valuations and/or property owners with documented financial hardship, when more than two applications are submitted. • Require reports outlining work completed to be submitted annually and property inspections by the City every five years during the term of the agreement. • Require a form of public access to be provided, such as visibility from the public right-of-way, in-person tours, or virtual tours and photos of the property posted online. • Require the review of each contract by City Council after the initial 10-year term and every five years thereafter for the life of the contract. 	
NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT	NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT
City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division	City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division

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: Class 8 - Section 15308. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
- Other: Sec. 15378(b)(5)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to activities that may cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The updates to the City's Mills Act Program are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), as these actions are administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

The updates the City's Mills Act Program is also exempt under Section 15308 (Class 8 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) because the Ordinance and Mills Act program regulate how properties can be modified, thereby protecting historic resources through maintaining the existing built environment. Therefore, the project meets the intent of CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 and, pursuant to this exemption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA review.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Zachary Dahl, Director, Community Development Department
TELEPHONE: (650) 522-7207

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

Zachary Dahl
Signature

5/6/26
Date

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.

Received for filing at OPR: _____



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 41-05062026-0002
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF SAN MATEO	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/06/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN MATEO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 129497	

PROJECT TITLE
 UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SAN MATEO'S MILLS ACT PROGRAM FOR ESTABLISHING AND ADMINISTERING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SAN MATEO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____

Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____

Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)


Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____

County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00

Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other 025984 **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Kamille Santos Deputy Clerk
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