

FILED**May 26, 2026****Notice of Exemption**

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By *Heather Kelly*
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Project Title: Zoning Code Text Amendment No. ZCTA26-002 to Amend the Merced County Zoning Code and Introduce Chapter 18.50 to the Merced County Zoning Code, By-Right Development Ordinance.

Project Applicant: Merced County, 2222 M Street, Merced CA 95340

Project Location: County Wide

Project City: County Wide **Project County:** Merced County

Project Description:

A request to amend Merced County's Zoning Code by adding Chapter 18.50, By-Right Development Ordinance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Merced, Community & Economic Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Mark Hamilton, Planner III

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 145269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Other Sections 15061(b)(3) ("Common Sense Exemption")

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) ("Common Sense Exemption"), it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of these policy and regulatory changes may have a significant effect on the environment, as the actions primarily establish planning policies and regulatory frameworks and do not approve or authorize any specific development project or physical change to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mark Hamilton, Planner III

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Signature & Date:

Mark E. Hamilton May 22, 2026

Title: Planner III

Date
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code