

Notice of Exemption

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County of: Los Angeles

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From: (Public Agency): City of Artesia

Planning Division

18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

(Address)

Project Title: Case No. 2026-08: Historic Bell Tower

Project Applicant: Artesia Historical Society, of 18641 Corby Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

Project Location - Specific:

NW corner of Corby Avenue and 187th Street (APN: 7039-010-905)

Project Location - City: Artesia

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request for a Conditional Use Permit, Design Review, and Variance to permit the development of a 35-foot, 576-square-foot bell tower with associated secondary civic land uses, to be built at a site located at 18641 Corby Avenue (APN: 7039-025-018), within the Historic-District (H-D) zoning district. Proposed to be managed and operated by the Artesia Historical Society, the tower will be open to the public, and both the surrounding community and visiting public will benefit from curated tours made available to guests, local students, and Artesia residents.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Artesia

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Artesia Historical Society, of 18641 Corby Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

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: 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Planning Division has determined that, as proposed, the project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA. The project qualifies as categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of small facilities or structures. Being a proposed bell tower with a ceremonial significance, in a fully developed, suburban environment with no interface with nature, it can therefore be seen with certainty that the project does not have significant values for wildlife habitats or other environmental purposes. Accordingly, the project would qualify for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Devan A. Wells, Assistant Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-865-6262, ext. 238

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: Devan A. Wells Date: 05/28/26 Title: Assistant Planner

▪ 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.

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