Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: San Mateo
555 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

From: (Public Agency): City of Redwood City
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
(Address)

Project Title: 2026 Zoning Code, Municipal Code, and City Engineering Standards Amendments

Project Applicant: City of Redwood City

Project Location - Specific:
Redwood City

Project Location - City: Redwood City Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Redwood City conducts regular reviews and proposes Zoning Code and Municipal Code amendments in order to: 1) ensure the codes and their provisions remain clear and accessible to the public, staff, and decisionmakers; 2) ensure the code remains internally consistent with the General Plan, City policies, and State law, and; 3) as necessary to implement minor policy updates. Three key areas of focus in this set of amendments are code maintenance for clarity/accessibility and consistency, Housing Element implementation, and development review streamlining. The implementing actions include:

1. Waived the second reading and adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Code to implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element programs, development review streamlining, and Zoning Code maintenance and rescind Resolution No. 6882 and Resolution No. 7805 regarding CEQA Guidelines;
2. Waived the second reading and adopted an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element programs, development review streamlining, and Municipal Code maintenance;

The City Council waived the first reading and introduced the ordinances, and adopted a resolution approving and adopting revisions to the City's Engineering Standards at the July 13, 2026 City Council hearing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redwood City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Redwood City

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: Not a Project or 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Sections 21080.085, 21080.25(b)(11), and 21080.17

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed amendments are not a "project" as defined by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378 because they are administrative actions consistent with adopted plans and policies that do not authorize any new construction or other activities that could result in physical changes to the environment.

Further, Public Resources Code Section 21080.085 provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for rezoning that implements the schedule of actions contained in an approved Housing Element and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(11) provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for a planning decision carried out by a local agency to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements or

institute parking maximums, remove or restrict parking, or implement transportation demand management requirements or programs. The Zoning Code amendments would implement Housing Element Programs H1-8 (Small Lots); H3-3 (Housing Options for Special Needs and Extremely Low Income Households); H4-6 (Permit Processing); H4-9 (Housing Accountability Act), and H4-7 (Revised parking standards), and as part of implementing H4-7 would eliminate parking requirements for certain developments. Therefore, the amendments would also be statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21080.085 and 21080.25(b)(11).

Further, pursuant to CEQA section 21080.17, CEQA does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city implementing the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code, which is State ADU law.

Finally, CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) provides an exemption from environmental review for projects 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 proposed amendments do not authorize any physical construction and are therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Melinda Hue Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-780-7363

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: _____ Date: 7/30/26 Title: Principal Planner – CEQA Coordinator
☒Signed by Lead Agency ☐Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

JUL 30 2026

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By _____ Deputy
KAMILLE SANTOS

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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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF REDWOOD CITY		07/30/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		**DOCUMENT NUMBER**
SAN MATEO COUNTY		129592

PROJECT TITLE

2026 ZONING CODE, MUNICIPAL CODE, AND CITY ENGINEERING STANDARDS AMENDMENTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF REDWOOD CITY		
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 030946 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

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

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County of San Mateo
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