



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: An ordinance amending Sonoma County Code to Change Zoning Administrator Authority for Telecommunications Facilities

Public Agency: County of Sonoma / Permit Sonoma

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma / Permit Sonoma

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Location: Countywide; County of Sonoma, California

Date of Approval: August 4, 2026

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and
Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed ordinance amends Sonoma County Code Section 2-79 (Zoning Administrator) to remove the automatic referral of discretionary telecommunications facility use permit applications to the Planning Commission, and instead assigns initial review authority for these permits to the Zoning Administrator, consistent with the County's general framework for discretionary use permit review. The Zoning Administrator retains discretion to refer any telecommunications permit application to the Planning Commission, and a Board member's ability to request original jurisdiction remains unchanged. The change aligns telecommunications permit processing with streamlined timelines required under federal law and does not modify the substantive standards applicable to telecommunications facilities or authorize any physical development.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Not a "project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) (organizational/administrative activity of government that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment); alternatively, exempt under the General Rule / Common Sense Exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The ordinance is a procedural and administrative change that reassigns which County decision-making body conducts initial review of discretionary telecommunications facility use permits; it does not authorize any development or physical change to the environment. Any future telecommunications facility project approved under this ordinance will independently undergo its own CEQA review prior to approval. It can therefore be seen with certainty that the ordinance itself will have no significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Doug Bush

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Doug Bush, Project Planner

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through 09/04/2026**

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: Ashley Corbin, Deputy Clerk

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-08042026-277

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY
COUNTY OF SONOMA

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE
08/04/2026COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING
SONOMADOCUMENT NUMBER
26-0804-05

PROJECT TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SONOMA COUNTY CODE TO CHANGE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORITY FOR

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME
PERMIT SONOMA, COUNTY OF SONOMA

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER
(707) 565-1900PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS
2550 VENTURA AVECITY
SANTA ROSASTATE
CAZIP CODE
95403

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

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash☐ Credit☐ Check☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

\$50.00

SIGNATURE

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Ashley Corbin, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder