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Exemption Code 6103

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Orange Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92701	**From:** City of Laguna Woods 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637 (949) 639-0500

Project Title: Building, Planning, Encroachment, and Grading Permit Fees

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Woods
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637
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Project Location – Specific: Citywide

Project Location – City: Laguna Woods, California **Project Location – County:** Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On August 19, 2026, the Laguna Woods City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-32 titled:

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEW AND INCREASED OR MODIFIED BUILDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FEES, AND ENCROACHMENT AND GRADING PERMIT FEES; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE RESOLUTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

The City adopted new building and planning services fee schedules, which will increase and modify the existing fees that the City charges to recover no more than the reasonable costs of providing building and planning review, permitting, inspection, and related activities and services. Building and planning services fees are charged to both public and private parties, as applicable, including, but not limited to, individuals, businesses, and homeowners' associations, for a variety of purposes, projects, alterations, and improvements.

The City adopted a new encroachment permit fee schedule, which will increase and modify the existing fees that the City charges to recover no more than the reasonable costs of providing review, permitting, and inspection of encroachments on public property/right-of-way, and related activities and services. Encroachment permit fees are charged to both public and private parties,

as applicable, including, but not limited to, individuals, businesses, and homeowners' associations when work or activities are to occur on public property/right-of-way.

The City adopted a new grading permit fee schedule, which will increase and modify the existing fees that the City charges to recover no more than the reasonable costs of providing grading review, permitting, inspection, and related activities and services. Grading permit fees are charged to both public and private parties, as applicable, including, but not limited to, individuals, businesses, and homeowners' associations for a variety of purposes, projects, and work (e.g., earthwork, excavation).

The new fee schedules will take effect on October 19, 2026.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Laguna Woods

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Laguna Woods

Exempt Status:

	Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301)
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
	Statutory Exemption
X	Not Subject to CEQA See below for additional information

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, Sec. 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2) (the activities will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activities are not a project as defined in section 15378) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 ("State CEQA Guidelines"). Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines excludes "government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities" from its definition of "project" when they "do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment," as is the case here.

Even if the resolution were subject to CEQA, it would be categorically exempt under Section 15273 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which applies to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by the City, when such charges are for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, and (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials – as is the case here.

Even if the resolution were subject to CEQA, it would be exempt based on Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because 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 resolution does not include any physical change to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Signature: _____ Date: 8/21/26

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City of Laguna Woods

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

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