CITY OF ESCONDIDO
PLANNING DIVISION
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Notice of Exemption

To: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101
MS: A-33

From: City of Escondido
Planning Division
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Project Title/Case No: Variance Request (PL26-0146)
Project Location - Specific: On the north side of Valle Lindo Rd., addressed as 13970 Valle Lindo Rd., Escondido CA 92027 (APN: 240-020-25-00).
Project Location - City: Escondido **Project Location - County**: San Diego

Description of Project: Approval of a Variance request for fence height within the front setback of a residential zone, to increase the permitted fence height for the subject property from three feet in height to six feet in height. The project site has a General Plan land use designation of "Northeast Gateway Specific Plan" (SPA 5), and is zoned "Specific Plan Area" (S-P).
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Escondido
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Name: Richard Hamlin
Address: 9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92131 Telephone: 619-840-3155

☒ Private entity ☐ School district ☐ Local public Agency ☐ State agency ☐ Other special district

Exempt Status:

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15305 ("Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations")

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 ("Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), in that the proposed project consists of a request for a minor setback variance for fence and wall height, which would not result in the creation of a new parcel.

Further, the Project also does not trigger any exceptions to categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. in that:

1. *Location.* The proposed Project is not located on a project site which contains an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern which would be designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.
2. *Cumulative Impact.* The proposed Project will not result in a cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, as the Project is located on a site with an existing single-family home, and is consistent with the General Plan policies which were addressed in the General Plan Final EIR.
3. *Significant Effect.* As detailed in the Zoning Administrator staff report, dated August 25, 2026, no significant effects will occur as a result of the Project. The proposed Project will involve the installation of a 6' security wall on the property, which will not negatively impact the project site. No unusual circumstances surround the Project which will result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment.
4. *Scenic Highways.* The proposed Project will not damage scenic resources, including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources as none are located on the Project site.
5. *Hazardous Waste Sites.* The proposed Project is not located on a site as referenced in Section 65952.5 of the California Government Code.
6. *Historical Resources.* The proposed Project is not located on a site which contains a significant resource, and would not cause a substantially adverse change to the significance of a historic resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-839-4542

Signature: _____ August 26, 2026

Alex Rangel
Associate Planner

Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: