City of Elk Grove
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: City of Elk Grove
Community Development Department
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

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PROJECT TITLE: **MORATORIUM ON NEW PERSONAL STORAGE FACILITIES**

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: **Citywide**

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): **Citywide**

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: **Elk Grove** PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The action consists of an Ordinance imposing a 2-year moratorium on new entitlement approvals for personal storage facilities Citywide. The moratorium would not apply to projects with valid approved entitlements.

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EXEMPTION STATUS: ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];

☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];

☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];

☐ Preliminary Review [Section 15060(c)(3)]

☐ Consistent With a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183(a)]

☐ Statutory Exemption

☐ Categorical Exemption [15303]

☒ Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061(b)(3)]

☐ Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]

REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

An agency approval is not considered a "project" subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") if the approval is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).) This proposed ordinance is intended to temporarily halt the approval of any new entitlements for personal storage facilities while the City considers further regulations. The moratorium will not cause a direct physical change in the environment, nor a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. This action, therefore, does not constitute a project under CEQA, and environmental review is not required. Any future development that may occur under the proposed regulations will be separately assessed by staff to determine whether such development may be subject to CEQA in the event that those actions are classified as "projects" under CEQA. For these same reasons, even if the moratorium was considered a project under CEQA, the moratorium would be exempt from CEQA review under the Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)) which states that that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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 activity is not subject to CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

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