



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CITY OF
**PALO
ALTO**
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit Pilot Program

PROJECT LOCATION: There are two project sites, both in the City of Palo Alto. The first is located on a portion of Embarcadero Road between Embarcadero Way and the three-way intersection where Embarcadero Road splits from an east-west orientation to a north-south orientation. (APN: 008-06-002 and 008-05-006). The second is a portion of Coyote Hill Road, starting at the border of the City of Palo Alto and unincorporated Santa Clara County, and ending at the intersection of Coyote Hill Road and Hillview Avenue. (This section of Coyote Hill Rd. is bounded by the following parcels: APN 142-16-069, 142-16-075, 142-16-057, 142-16-052, and 142-16-053)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project allows oversized vehicles and accompanying regular passenger vehicles to park on specific sections of Embarcadero Road and Coyote Hill Road after obtaining a City parking permit. Those seeking a permit will be subject to eligibility requirements to give preference to low income persons, amongst other factors. Permittees are subject to health and safety regulations. Those without a permit cannot park a vehicle in the specific areas under regulation. This project will be staffed, in part, by outreach workers to address the unhoused and to facilitate permittees moving into permanent housing. More information is available at:
<https://recordsportal.paloalto.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=897172>

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: City of Palo Alto

NAME OF PERSON OR GROUP CARRYING OUT PROJECT: City of Palo Alto

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 (Sec. 15301, 15304)
- ☒ Statutory Exemption (Public Resources Code section 21080.10(c))

REASONS WHY**PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

This is to advise that the City of Palo Alto (Lead Agency) approved the project described above on August 24, 2026, through City Council action. The City determined that the project and project site satisfy all criteria set forth in CEQA regulations sections 15301 and 15304, as well as Public Resources Code Section 21080.10(c) and are therefore exempt. Categorical exemptions 15301 (existing uses) and 15304 (minor alterations of land) apply because there are no automobile lane expansions proposed to these existing roads, and this project would create only minor changes to the existing roadway such as the addition of new signage. This project is also subject to PRC 21080.10(c) as it involves the contracting of services for people experiencing homelessness, including case management.

This is to certify that the record of project approval, are available to the General Public online at <https://recordsportal.paloalto.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=897172> and at: *City of Palo Alto, Planning Division, 250 Hamilton Ave, Ground Floor, Palo Alto, California 94301*. The legislation that is part of this Project includes the following:

- Resolution 10313 Establishing the Embarcadero Road OSV Parking Permit District
- Resolution 10314 Establishing the Coyote Hill Road OSV Parking Permit District
- Resolution 10315 Amending and Restating the Administrative Penalty Schedule and Civil Penalty Schedules for Certain Violations of the Palo Alto Municipal Code
- Ordinance 5710 Amending the Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Fee Schedule to Add a Permit Fee for the OSV Parking Permit Program
- Ordinance 5711 Adding Chapter 10.49 (OSV Parking Permit Districts) to the Palo Alto Municipal Code and Amending PAMC Section 10.60.010

PROJECT PLANNER:

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IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. ☐ Yes
2. Declare if a Notice of Exemption has been filed by the public agency approving the project ☒ N/A

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Signature (Public Agency)

Claire Raybould, Planning Manager

Title

9/1/2026

Date