Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse CEQAnet *https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/* County Clerk Monterey County 168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901	**From:** (Public Agency): City of Salinas 200 Lincoln Avenue Salinas, CA 93901

Project Title: Phase 1 Salinas Zoning Code Updates
Project Applicant: City of Salinas
Project Location - Specific: Citywide
Project Location - City: Salinas **Project Location - County:** Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Salinas Zoning Code can be found in Chapter 37 of the Salinas Municipal Code, with housing regulations related to reasonable accommodations found in Chapter 17. The City of Salinas plans to update its Zoning Code through a long-term process broken into three phases. The proposed project covers Phase 1, Short-Term Priority Amendments. In Phase 1, the City proposes amendments related to compliance with State housing law and the City's Housing Element, and other City priorities and legal compliance requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Salinas
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Salinas

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. State type and section number:
	Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
X	**Other:** Common Sense, Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed revisions to the City's Zoning Code are regulatory and administrative in nature. As such, the proposed project would not, in and of itself, result in direct physical changes to the environment. While certain proposed revisions address State housing law requirements, these are established under State law and would apply regardless of implementation of the proposed project. The proposed project codifies and implements these requirements within the Salinas Zoning Code and does not itself establish new development entitlements beyond those permitted under existing zoning and State law. Accordingly, the proposed project can be considered exempt from environmental review pursuant to the common-sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with reasonable certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment.

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If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Jonathan Moore Date: 9/1/2026 Title: Senior Planner
☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

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