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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:

Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Repeal

Control Number:

PLNP2026-00108

Project Location:

The Unincorporated Area of Sacramento County

APN:

Various

Description of Project:

The project consists of the repeal of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance within the Sacramento County Zoning Code (SZC); an amendment to permit two detached agricultural accessory dwellings (AADs) as an accessory use permitted by right in the agricultural, agricultural-residential, and recreational zones; and an amendment to definitions related to classifying side street yards as a type of "front yard."

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

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Exempt Status:

General Rule exemption of Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The proposed amendments are covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

The repeal of the County's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance to defer to State law does not result in an increase in density nor intensification of land use because, regardless of whether a local agency adopts or repeals a local ADU Ordinance, State ADU allowances must be permitted. State ADU allowances remain permitted before and after this proposed amendment.

Amendments are also proposed to permit two detached agricultural accessory dwellings (AADs) as an accessory use permitted by right in the agricultural, agricultural-residential, and recreational zones on

properties developed with a primary dwelling. Currently, in those specified zones on properties developed with a primary dwelling, two ADUs and one JADU are permitted by right. By deferring ADU allowances to State law, ADUs will become prohibited in the specified zones. The change to allow two AADs to replace repealed local ADU allowances does not result in an increase in density nor intensification of land use compared to current adopted provisions.

The amendment of definitions related to “front yards” and “side street yards,” along with other minor amendments, are administrative and regulatory amendments that do not result in an intensification of density or land use.

As all the proposed amendments do not result in any physical change to the environment, nor create a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental effect, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA.



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