

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa

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From: (Public Agency): Lead Agency - City of Walnut Creek

Attn: Allison Rustick, Associate Planner - (925) 943-5899 x 2186

1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(Address)

Project Title: Zoning Text Amendments for Accessory Dwelling Units, Public Hearing Notices, and Housing Element Program H-4.I.

Project Applicant: City of Walnut Creek

Project Location - Specific:

City of Walnut Creek, CA (citywide)

Project Location - City: Walnut Creek, CA

Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On October 6, 2026, the Walnut Creek City Council adopted Ordinance 2258 amending Title 10 (Planning and Zoning) of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code to maintain consistency with State law and improve clarity of regulations regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Public Hearing Notices. The project also implements Housing Element Program H-4.I. by removing planned development permits in the High Density Residential Planned Development District (M-H-D) and the Mixed Use Planned Development District (M-U).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Walnut Creek

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Walnut Creek

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: Common Sense Exemption, 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

There is no possibility that the proposed Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, as they only involve administrative and procedural updates to the Walnut Creek Municipal Code. The proposed amendments comply with state law and would implement the goals and programs of the 2023-2031 Housing Element. To the extent the proposed Ordinance modifies the City's ADU regulations, such amendments are also statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines section 15282.1(h) because they are implementing the provisions of Government Code Section 66314 et seq. relating to secondary dwellings.

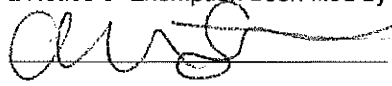
Lead Agency

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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: 

Date: 10/07/2026

Title: Associate 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____