NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Attn: **Alyssa Matheus**
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SUBJECT: Filing of **Notice of Exemption** in compliance with Section 15062 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title and File No.: Zoning Text Amendment (File No. 00988141-PZC)

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: Amendment to the Irvine Zoning Ordinance to repeal and replace standards and noticing requirements within Chapters 9-8 and 9-10 pertaining to Research & Development uses that require a conditional use permit in Planning Area 8 as well as uses in the 5.5B Medical & Science zoning district of Planning Area 10 that require a Risk Management Plan (RMP) and expand these requirements to apply citywide to create an Overlay District for all land uses subject to an RMP.

Approving Public Agency: City of Irvine
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Approval Date: October 13, 2026
Ordinance No. 26-14

Project Applicant: City of Irvine
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Exempt Status:
(check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption:
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
- ☒ **General Rule Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))**

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The Zoning Ordinance amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which provides that a project is exempt when it is covered by the Common Sense exemption that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect. The amendment is limited to establishing an RMP Overlay District and modifying review procedures and noticing requirements for uses that are required to prepare an RMP.

Alyssa Matheus Planning Manager	*Alyssa Matheus*	October 14, 2026
Name and Title	**Signature**	**Date**