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- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Filing Fee (new project)
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 - ☐ No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
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 - ☐ No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: City of Mountain View
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: Elaheh.Kerachian@mountainview.gov
3. PROJECT TITLE: Historic Preservation Ordinance and Register Update
4. APPLICANT NAME: City of Mountain View PHONE: 650-903-6526
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: Elaheh.Kerachian@mountainview.gov
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA, 94041
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 35 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Santa Clara

110 West Tasman Drive, First Floor

San Jose, CA, 95134

From: (Public Agency): City of Mountain View

500 Castro Street/PO Box 7540

Mountain View, CA, 94041

(Address)

Project Title: Historic Preservation Ordinance and Register Update

Project Applicant: City of Mountain View

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: Mountain View

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is an update to the requirements, processes and incentives for the designation and review of alterations to historic resources in the City Code. The purpose is to improve disclosure to property owners, update the development review process, reflect changes in periods of significance and community goals, better align with CEQA, clarify code language, and integrate a district designation process. The City of Mountain View is the beneficiary of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Mountain View

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Mountain View

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: Section 15308 (Class 8)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please refer to the attached document.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elaheh Kerachian

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650)-903-6526

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: [Signature] Date: 10/14/26 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Historic Preservation Ordinance and Register Update Notice of Exemption Reasons why project is exempt

CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class 8) applies to actions taken by regulatory agencies to ensure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment through a regulatory process that includes environmental protection procedures. Class 8 does not apply to a relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation. The Ordinance update removes the owner opt-off provision; adds clearer designation criteria, notice, response, and findings requirements; limits administrative correction authority; and preserves interim review for the 14 identified single-family dwellings and duplexes that are currently known to be eligible for the National or California Registers. It also requires later discretionary review, including applicable CEQA review, before demolition, removal from the MV Register, or another substantial adverse change may be approved.

Staff evaluated the amendments against the existing ordinance, including the new exempt alteration categories, streamlined permit procedures, delisting standards, and interim treatment of eligible but unlisted properties. Based on that comparison, the amendments do not immediately remove a property from the MV Register or authorize demolition or another substantial adverse change to a historic resource. The amendments preserve review of the 14 identified single-family dwellings and duplexes currently known to be eligible for the National or California Registers and later discretionary approvals that may cause a substantial adverse change to remain subject to applicable project-specific CEQA review. The amendments, therefore, do not relax standards in a manner that allows environmental degradation and are exempt under Class 8.

The exceptions to the Class 8 exemption in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 do not apply based on the following:

1. There is no cumulative impact because the regulations limit impacts to historic resources and apply broadly to all historic resources currently protected by the City Code. No development project is authorized or permitted through this action, so there is no cumulative effect of such projects.
2. There is no significant impact from unusual circumstances because the regulation of historic resources is not unusual, and the criteria used are similar to those of the California and National Registers.
3. There is no impact to scenic highways because there are no scenic highways in Mountain View.
4. No development project is authorized or permitted through this action, so hazardous waste sites are unaffected.
5. As described above, the effect of these regulations is the preservation of historic resources, so there is no impact to historic resources resulting from these regulations.