



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

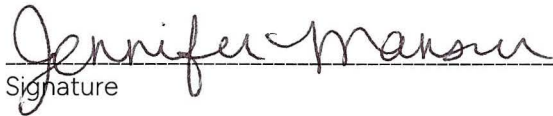
TO:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation ☒ State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	☒ Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92702
From (Public Agency):	City of Lake Forest – Community Development Department Planning Division 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630 (949) 461-3400	

1. Project Title:	Changed Plan 06-25-5895
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	Brandon Summers Forest Ridge Plaza Manager 24412 Muirlands Blvd Lake Forest, CA 92630 Email: homelessministry@cox.net Phone: (949) 456-4462
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	24322-24418 Muirlands Blvd. (APN: 617-290-17)
4. (a) Project Location – City: Lake Forest	(b) Project Location – County: Orange County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This request for exterior modifications to an existing industrial building suite used as a warehouse, research and development lab, and office space (Intertek). Exterior modifications include mechanical equipment and outdoor storage with applicable screening and revised parking lot configurations.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Lake Forest, Director of Community Development
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	This project is a request for the addition of an approximately 477 square foot patio and the replacement of one parking stall at the Forest Ridge Plaza.
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15060(c)(2)-(3)

(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	CEQA Guidelines Article 19, <i>Categorical Exemptions</i> , Sec. 15311, Class 11: <i>Accessory Structures</i>
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 – <i>Categorical Exemptions</i> , Sec. 15311, Class 11 – <i>Accessory Structures</i> of the CEQA Guidelines, which involve “construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional buildings.” The project specifically includes a new patio, which is an accessory use to the adjacent restaurant tenants.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Jennifer Mansur, AICP, Senior Planner (949) 461-3472/ jmansur@lakeforestca.gov
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form “B”) before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: n/a	

Date: October 23, 2026


Signature

Name: Jennifer Mansur, AICP

Title: Senior Planner, City of Lake Forest

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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