NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation

FROM: Greg Vine, Community Development Department

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: 125-211-015 **Project No.**: U2026-0003

Location: 920 South Broadway

Project Title: Lori Family Mortuary

Project Applicant: Luis Oseguera

Project Description: Review of a Conditional Use Permit (U2026-0003) for Luis Oseguera to establish a mortuary including traditional funerals and memorial services and a caretaker's unit on a 0.49-acre site in a PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) district of the Entrada Specific Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Maria

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Luis Oseguera

Exempt Status:

_____ Ministerial
_____ Statutory Exemption
_x_ Categorical Exemption
_____ Emergency Project
_____ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: This is a Class 32 Categorial Exemption pursuant to Section 15332 (Existing Facilities) of CEQA Guidelines.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Among the classes of projects that are exempt from CEQA review are those that are specifically identified as urban fill development. CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 states that the term infill development (or Class 32 exemption) is applicable to projects that meet the following conditions:

a. *The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.*

b. *The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.*
c. *The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.*
d. *Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.*
e. *The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.*

The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. No further environmental review is required.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.
The project site is not a designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted sensitive environment, pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies, but instead is a developed site surrounded by urban development, and therefore the project will not impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.
This is a single proposal with no associated future phases. No cumulative impacts would be generated.

(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
No unusual circumstances are posed by the site or the proposed project, and no significant environmental effects are anticipated.

(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

No scenic resources or official designated scenic highways exist on or near the site, therefore no such resources would be impacted by the project.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
The project site is not included on any Gov. Code Section 65962.5 listing.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.
No historical or archaeological resources are located at the project site.

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Acceptance Date: _____

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