NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Alameda
1106 Madison St. – First Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

FROM: City of Livermore
1052 South Livermore
Livermore, CA 94550

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT Master Sign Program Amendment (MSP) 26-001

Title: Authorization to amend existing Master Sign Program MSP54, Vasco Business Center, to allow illuminated and non-illuminated tenant identification signs.

Location: 161 South Vasco Road, Livermore, CA (APN 99B-5900-30)

Description: The Project proposes an amendment to an existing Master Sign Program to allow two new sign types (illuminated and non-illuminated) for tenant identification signage affixed to the existing building where previously tenant identification was allowed only on the glass windows and doors.

Applicant: Robert Kocik, Worldwide Signs

City's Contact: Jennifer Ackerman
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Public Agency Approving Project: City of Livermore

EXEMPT STATUS:

_X_ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15311)
____ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a); 21080(b)(3))
____ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b)(c); 21080(b)(4)
____ Ministerial (Sec. 15268; 21080(b)(1))
____ Statutory Exemption
____ "Common Sense" Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt under Categorical Exemption Section 15311, because the Project consists of guidelines for the construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to an existing commercial facility, namely, on-premises signs. The amendment involves only minor, accessory signage changes associated with an existing commercial or institutional facility. There would be no ground disturbance or expansion of use.

Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

1. Location. The Project site is an urbanized site with previous development and not within an environmentally sensitive area. The Project site is not located within a Fire Severity Zone, area prone to geological hazards, within a protected natural resource area, or in an area susceptible to flooding hazards. Accordingly, the location exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

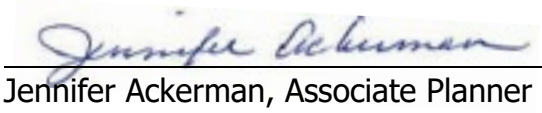
2. Cumulative Impact. The Project is limited in scope and would not authorize or induce additional development, nor would it expand or substantially increase the intensity of use of the existing building. There are no known successive projects of the same type in the same place that, in combination with the Project, would result in significant cumulative impacts. Accordingly, the cumulative impact exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

3. Significant Effects Resulting from Unusual Circumstances. The Project would not substantially change the physical characteristics or intensity of use in the existing building. The location and limited scope of the Project therefore would not create a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect and would not present unusual circumstances. Accordingly, significant effects resulting from unusual circumstances exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

4. Scenic Highways. The Project site is not located within or adjacent to a highway eligible or officially designated as a State Scenic Highway by the California Department of Transportation. As such, the Project would not result in damage to scenic resources within a designated State Scenic Highway. Accordingly, the scenic highway exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. The Project site is not included on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code section 65962.5, including the list of Hazardous Waste and Substances sites from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor database; the list of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites from the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Geotracker database; the list of solid waste disposal sites identified by the SWRCB with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management list; the list of active Cease and Desist Orders or Cleanup and Abatement Orders that concern the discharge of wastes that are hazardous materials; or the list of hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action pursuant to Section 25187.5 of the Health and Safety Code identified by DTSC. Accordingly, the hazardous waste sites exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

6. Historical Resources. No substantial adverse change would occur to the significance of any historical resource. The Project site does not contain any resource listed in Livermore's 2021 Historic Resources Inventory, the California Register of Historical Resources, or the National Register of Historic Places. Accordingly, the historical resources exception does not preclude the use of the above stated exemption.

Signature: 
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Project Approval Date: October 26, 2026