

CEQA DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION

Subject: This California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption is in compliance with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.060. An appeal to this determination must be filed in writing with the required fee within ten (10) calendar days of the City Planner's decision consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.54.140.

City Planner Decision Date: June 28, 2023

Project Number and Title: ZCA 2020-0003 & LCPA 2020-0007 (PUB2020-0004) - Citywide Objective Design Standards Project

Project Location - Specific: Citywide (applicable to multifamily and mixed-use development projects outside of the Village and Barrio Master Plan area)

Project Location - City: Carlsbad **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: A city-initiated amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (ZCA 2020-0003) and Local Coastal Program (LCPA 2020-0007) proposes citywide objective design standards for multifamily housing and mixed-use development projects to address new requirements in recent California legislation and to implement Carlsbad Housing Element Program 1.11. The citywide objective design standards project proposed as Carlsbad Municipal Code Title 21 Chapter 21.88 with reference to the Multifamily Housing and Mixed-Use Objective Design Standards Manual, provides clear and measurable direction for multifamily housing and mixed-use development for all areas of the city outside of the Village and Barrio Master Plan area. These objective design standards relate to the aesthetic aspects of a project and do not change development standards such as density, permitted uses, or height.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad, California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Carlsbad Community Development Department

Name of Applicant: City of Carlsbad

Applicant's Address: 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Applicant's Telephone Number: (442) 339-2905

Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the project (if different from the applicant above):
N/A

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));
- Categorical Exemption - State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions - State code number: _____
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The zoning ordinance and local coastal program amendments for the proposed citywide objective design standards project is exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment and the objective design standards manual it references, in itself, does not allow construction of any building or structure, but sets forth regulations that shall be followed by applicable development as it occurs. The regulations do not change

allowable uses or building intensities. In addition, the objective design standards implement Program 1.11 of the Carlsbad Housing Element (Subsequent EIR SCH No. 2022090339). The proposed citywide objective design standards project has no potential for resulting in significant physical change in the environment. It can be seen with certainty that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and thus is not subject to CEQA review.

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