

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: AMEND 2021-0008 & LCPA 2023-0016 (DEV08014) – Village and Barrio Objective Design Standards Project

Project Location - Specific: The Village and Barrio Master Plan area. The master plan encompasses the area west of Interstate 5 between Oak Avenue and Laguna Drive and extends nearly to the Pacific Ocean along Garfield Avenue and parts of Ocean Street. South of the Village, the Master Plan incorporates the Barrio neighborhood from Interstate 5 west to the railroad corridor and from the Village south to the vicinity of Tamarack Avenue. Together, the Village and Barrio comprise approximately 350 acres.

Project Location - City: Carlsbad

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Project: A city-initiated amendment to the Village and Barrio Master Plan (AMEND 2021-0008) and Local Coastal Program (LCPA 2023-0016) to implement Housing Element Program 1.11 to develop Village and Barrio objective design standards for multifamily housing and mixed-use development projects to conform with recent state law regulations. The Village and Barrio objective design standards proposed as Appendix E to the Village and Barrio Master Plan, provides direction to applicants, city staff and decision makers with clear and consistent design directions for future multifamily and mixed-use residential development projects. The city is creating the objective design standards via specific architectural styles, for multifamily and mixed-use projects within the Village and Barrio Master Plan area. The range of architectural styles are carefully tailored to ensure that they are objective and specifically address and define architectural styles prevalent in Village and Barrio neighborhoods. 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, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Applicant's Telephone Number: (442) 339-2605

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 Village and Barrio Master Plan amendment and local coastal program amendment for the proposed Village and Barrio objective design standards project is exempt from CEQA per the CEQA Common Sense Exemption 15061(b)(3), that applies to projects which clearly do have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The project 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). It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and thus is not subject to CEQA review.

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