



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Adoption of Model Codes with Local Amendments including Technical and Administrative Revisions

Lead Agency / County Agency of Filing: Sonoma County

Project Proponent (Applicant): Permit and Resource Management Department

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Location: County-wide

Date of Approval: December 6, 2022

Exemption Filed With: Sonoma County Clerk

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1-12 are commonly referred to as the "model codes". The model codes were amended and adopted in January of this year. The State of California, as required, subsequently published the model codes on July 1, 2022. The model codes will become effective on January 1, 2023. Local jurisdictions may adopt local amendments pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 17958.7 if reasonably necessary due to local conditions including: climatic, geographical, and topographical. Local amendments must be provided to the California Building Standards Commission along with findings upon adoption of the ordinance. Local amendments become effective 30 days after adoption. The ordinances represent adoption of the model codes with local amendments, as well as other technical and administrative revisions to Chapters 7, 7A, and 13 of the Sonoma County Code (SCC).

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The ordinances are exempt under section 15061 (b)(3) of the state CEQA guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these ordinances may have a significant effect on the environment, because the local amendments are simply amendments to existing state regulations which are already substantially in extant and in practice and required by state law and are intended to continue local regulations, improve clarity, update existing standards to reflect modern fire prevention policy and equipment requirements and ensure consistency. The ordinances are further exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15307 and 15308 in that the standards set forth in the ordinances are authorized by state law to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of natural resources and the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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