

ATTACHMENT D: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mindy Fogg, Interim Deputy Director, Long Range Planning Division
Planning and 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 and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Case No.: Case No. 16ORD-00000-00009

Location: The proposed ordinance would apply to all of the unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Barbara except for lots located in the Montecito Community Plan area.

Project Title: Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Project Description:

An ordinance (16ORD-00000-00009) amending Article 35.2, Zones and Allowable Land Uses, Article 35.3, Site Planning and Other Project Standards, Article 35.4, Standards for Specific Land Uses, and Article 35.11, Glossary, to implement new regulations regarding the land use of Short-Term Rentals and make other minor clarifications, corrections and revisions to the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the Santa Barbara County Code.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

Reasons to support exemption findings: The ordinance amendments revise and clarify existing permit processes to enhance efficiency and add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to the land use of Short-Term Rentals which will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding areas. This ordinance amendment is not related to any particular

development projects and individual projects will be subject to compliance with CEQA, as applicable.

The proposed ordinance identifies where the land use is prohibited (Residential Zones) and allowed and adopts development standards to mitigate their presence in the zones where the use is allowed subject to a permit (Agricultural Zones). The ordinance also clarifies that Short-Term Rentals are an allowed use in Commercial and Mixed Use Zones without any additional development standards (with a permit). Approximately 75% of the Short-Term Rentals currently paying transient occupancy tax exist in residential zoning, thus, the results of the ordinances could be a reduction in Short-Term Rentals in the County. Implementation of the ordinance does not increase density or the intensity of use in the allowed zoning districts of Agricultural, Mixed Use, and Commercial, as the standards adopted herein are consistent with otherwise allowable residential use.

Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: _____

Date: August 3, 2016

Acceptance Date: _____
[date of final action on project]

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