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VIA-ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

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July 10, 2024

Supervising Legal Certification Clerk
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**SUBJECT: Filing of a Notice of Exemption for Long Range Application No. LR24-0028,
Update to Temecula Heritage Tree Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.48 of the
Temecula Municipal Code**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the Notice of Exemption for the above referenced project. In addition, pursuant to Assembly Bill 3158 (Chapter 1706) please find a receipt in the amount of \$50.00, for the County Administrative fee to enable the City to file the Notice of Exemption required under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507. The City of Temecula is paying the \$50.00 filing fee under protest. It is the opinion of the City that the administrative fee has been increased in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of State Law. Under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507, the County is entitled to receive a \$25.00 filing fee.

Also, please email a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption **within five working days** after the 30-day posting to the email listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Garcia at email Katie.Garcia@TemeculaCA.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Peters
Assistant Director of Community Development

Attachments: Project Notice of Exemption Form
County Administrative Filing Fee Receipt

City of Temecula
Community Development
Planning Division

Notice of Exemption

TO: County Clerk and Records Office
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
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FROM: Planning Division
City of Temecula
41000 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590

Project Title: Long Range Application No. LR24-0028, Update to Temecula Heritage Tree Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.48 of the Temecula Municipal Code

Description of Project: An amendment to Chapter 8.48 of the Temecula Municipal Code making minor revisions to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and updates to tree care and preservation regulations. The amendment is part of the implementation of the recent Urban Forest Management Plan adoption.

Project Location: City of Temecula, Citywide

Applicant/Proponent: City of Temecula

The City Council approved the above described project on July 9, 2024 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268); | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions (Section Number: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a)); | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption; (Section Number 15061 (b)(3) & 15378 (b)(5)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Section 15162 Categorical Exemption |

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed ordinance has been deemed to be exempt from further environmental review as there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance would have a significant impact on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15378 (b)(5). The amendment to Chapter 8.48 of the Temecula Municipal Code makes minor revisions to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and updates to tree care and preservation regulations. The amendments do not permit any physical changes to the environment and no construction of any kind will occur due to the passage of this Ordinance.

Contact Person/Title: Katie Garcia/Planning Technician **Phone Number:** (951) 240-4216

Signature: _____
Matt Peters, Assistant Director of Community Development

Date: _____

Date received for filing at the County Clerk and Records Office: