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**City of Temecula**  
**Community Development**  
**Planning Division**

**Notice of Exemption**

**TO:** County Clerk and Records Office  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**FROM:** Planning Division  
City of Temecula  
41000 Main Street  
Temecula, CA 92590

**Project Title:** LongHorn Steakhouse (PA21-0793, 0823)

**Description of Project:** A Development Plan for an approximately 5,708 square foot restaurant with outdoor patio dining and a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 47 (On-Sale General – Eating Place) license

**Project Location:** APN: 944-330-011

**Applicant/Proponent:** City of Temecula, County of Riverside

The Planning Commission approved the above described project on November 17, 2021, and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268);  
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a));  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c));  
☐ Statutory Exemptions (Section Number: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption: (Section Number 15332, Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects)  
☐ Other:

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

(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.

*The project is consistent with the applicable General Plan designation because a restaurant use is an allowable use within Planning Area 2 of the Rancho Highlands Specific Plan. The project also meets all applicable General Plan and Zoning policies and regulations.*

(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

*The project is located within City limits and is located on a site that is 1.51 acres in size. The proposed project is substantially surrounded by commercial buildings, residential development, and major roadways.*

(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

*The project site is not located within a Multi Species Habitation Conservation Strategy (MSHCP) criteria cell and therefore is not required by the Regional Conservation Authority and State and Federal agencies to take place in the Joint Project Review process. Therefore, the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.*

(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

*The proposed project was required to prepare a Project-Specific Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) that was reviewed and conceptually accepted for entitlement by City Staff as the WQMP meets the requirements of the City of Temecula. A traffic analysis was not required as part of this project as the proposed use is allowed within the zoning district, and there is nothing unique about this project that would trigger the need for a traffic analysis. Furthermore, the previous building located on this project site was a restaurant that was larger in size than what is proposed. Therefore, the project is not anticipated to result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality as the project is an allowed use per the City of Temecula General Plan, and the zoning district.*

(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

*The project site is surrounded by development and is able to be serviced by all required utilities and public services.*

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