

Attachment "3"



CITY OF ESCONDIDO
PLANNING DIVISION
201 NORTH BROADWAY
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025-2798
760-839-4671

Notice of Exemption

To: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101
MS: A-33

From: City of Escondido
Planning Division
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Project Title/Case No: Zone Text Amendment (Article 40 Revisions)/PL24-0017

Project Location - Specific: Citywide

Project Location - City: Escondido Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Project: A request for approval of amendments to the Escondido Zoning Code including Article 40 (Historical Resources), Article 61 (Administration and Enforcement), Article 64 (Design Review), and Article 65 (Old Escondido Neighborhood). Such text updates are related to dissolution of the Historic Preservation Commission, reassignment of historic preservation responsibilities to the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, and/or City staff, permitting the Zoning Administrator to list properties on the Local Register of Historical Places, permitting the Planning Commission to conduct design review on specific projects, and clarifying the appeal process for staff approvals of projects, respectively.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Escondido

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Name: City of Escondido, Development Services Department/Planning Division

Address: 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

Telephone: 760-839-4529

Private entity School district Local Public Agency State agency Other special district

Exempt Status: The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (Common Sense Exemption) and Section 33-922(c)(1) of Article 47 (Environmental Quality) of the Escondido Zoning Code.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed amendments to the Escondido Zoning Code including Article 40 (Historical Resources), Article 61 (Administration and Enforcement), Article 64 (Design Review), and Article 65 (Old Escondido Neighborhood) qualify for an exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061 (b) ("Common Sense Exemption") and Section 33-922 (c)(1) of the Article 47 (Environmental Quality) of the Escondido Zoning Code as it can be seen with certainty that the proposed action consisting of minor municipal code amendments will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed changes are nominal in nature as no programs or development standards or requirements would be modified. The proposed changes would entail changes to review- and decision-making authority for the purposes of dissolving an advisory commission on historic preservation. The City would continue to implement such historic preservation regulations and requirements outlined within Article 40 of the Escondido Zoning Code, consistent with the City's General Plan.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ivan Flores

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Signature: _____

Ivan Flores, AICP
Senior Planner

Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signed by Applicant