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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Name: Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations Update

Project Location: Countywide

Assessor Parcel No.: N/A

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz Planning Department

Project Description: The project updates the Santa Cruz County Code for Accessory Dwelling Units to comply with California state laws and remove areas of confusion in the County regulations.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

County Contact: David Carlson

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Date Completed: [Date]

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on August 5, 2025 and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (check one)

- ☐ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
☐ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
☐ The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
☐ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.

☒ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type: Public Resources Code Section 21080.17

☐ **Categorical Exemption**

Class 1

Reasons why the project is exempt:

Local ordinances adopted to implement State ADU law are statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per Public Resources Code Section 21080.17: which states that CEQA "does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county to implement Section 65852.1 of, or Article 2 (commencing with Section 66314) or Article 3 (commencing with Section 66333) of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of, the Government Code." Chapter 13, Article 2 addresses ADU approvals and Article 3 addresses JADU approvals. The amendments to the County's ADU Ordinance implement State ADU law and therefore are exempt from CEQA.

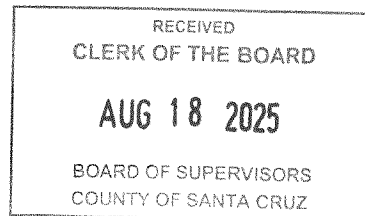
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David Carlson

Signature: EF4BF742261A40E...

Date: 8/11/2025

Title: Resource Planner



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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 8/18/2025
AND ENDING 9/23/2025