

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

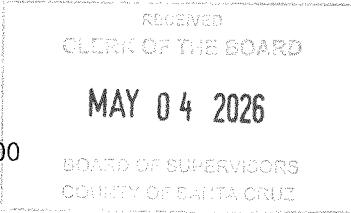
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FILE NO.: PP2025-10057

Project Title: Administrative Review Permit for New Discount House (dd's Discounts)

Project Location - Specific: 1988 Freedom Boulevard

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project proposes to remodel the exterior of an existing storefront.

Name of Public agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Claire Eckoff, 7100 East Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 320, Cleveland, OH 44131

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, §15301, Common Sense, §15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. The proposed project involves a change of use from a drugstore to a discount house with no expansion of the floor area or use. In addition, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Orbach

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 04/10/2026 Title: CDD Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

THIS DOCUMENT IS FILED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 05/04/2026 AND ENDING 06/09/2026

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____