NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is statutorily exempt from, and alternatively not subject to, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Inland Countywide Z Combining District Removal, File No. PLP26-0013 (ORD26-0005 / ZCE26-0005)
Public Agency: County of Sonoma
Project Applicant: County of Sonoma
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Project Location: Countywide, outside of the Coastal Zone
Date of Approval: 10/06/2026

To:
County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT: The ordinance includes amendments to Chapter 26 (Zoning Code) of the Sonoma County Code and updates to the Official Zoning Database to remove the Z (Accessory Dwelling Unit Exclusion) Combining District countywide from 3,997 parcels outside of the Coastal Zone.

EXEMPT STATUS: Statutory Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and alternatively not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption)

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Permit Sonoma determined that the proposed amendments to Chapter 26 (Zoning Code) and parcel zoning changes are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 which provides that the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county to implement State provisions for ADUs and JADUs is exempt from CEQA. Proposed actions would implement State ADU Law by eliminating the Z Combining District as an inconsistency between County Code and State ADU Law as directed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). In the alternative, these actions are not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption) which provides that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect (substantial adverse change) on the environment. Since State-mandated ADUs must be allowed on inland parcels regardless of whether the Z Combining District remains and since purposes of the Z Combining District are evaluated on a case-by-case basis under existing County standards and procedures during permit review and/or are considered invalid under State ADU Law for the preclusion of ADUs, it can be seen with certainty that removal of the Z Combining District from inland parcels will have no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

This notice was posted on 10/07/2026
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 11/07/2026

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Ashley Corbin, Deputy Clerk

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Isabella Wotring Digitally signed by Isabella Wotring
Date: 2026.10.07 10:52:29 -07'00'

Isabella Wotring, Project Planner
Permit Sonoma
Comprehensive Planning Division
(707) 565-2618

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-10072026-350

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF SONOMA		10/07/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	26-1007-02

PROJECT TITLE

INLAND COUNTYWIDE Z COMBINING DISTRICT REMOVAL, FILE NO. PLP26-0013 (ORD26- 0005 / ZCE26-0005)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
COUNTY OF SONOMA			(707) 565-2618
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
2550 VENTURA AVE	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Ashley Corbin, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder