

# NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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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 categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Ordinance 6462

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County **Project Applicant:** Permit Sonoma

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue,

Santa Rosa CA 95403

**Project Location:** Countywide Date of Approval: 1/23/2024

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office Office of Planning and

County of Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Research

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## DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance (Ordinance 6462) extending a temporary moratorium, with limited exceptions, to prohibit: (1) the removal of Protected Trees greater than six inches (6") diameter at breast height (dbh); and (2) any Type Conversion of Oak Woodland, throughout the unincorporated area of the County, excluding the Coastal Zone, expiring May 31, 2024, or different date by subsequent action of the Board of Supervisors. The original urgency ordinance establishing the temporary moratorium (Ordinance 6460) was adopted by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023.

#### **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemptions Section 15307 for Actions By Regulatory Agencies For Protection Of Natural Resources, 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

## **REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

The basis for this determination is that this ordinance extends a temporary moratorium prohibiting actions that would remove Protected Trees or type conversion of Oak Woodland and have an impact on the County's natural carbon sinks, associated habitat, and related natural resources. Protected Trees and Oak Woodland are an important part of the environment and would be further protected and preserved by this ordinance. This moratorium will not result in any significant adverse direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. This ordinance is further exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guideline § 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

### **Lead Agency Contact Person:**

Robert Aguero

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2550 VENTURA AVENUE	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403		
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)		_		_	
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CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:					
☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)			\$		
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)		\$2,916.75			
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW		\$1,377.25			
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☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)			\$		
☐ County documentary handling fee			\$	\$50.00	
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Maria Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder					