



CITY OF WILDOMAR NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT CASE NO:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2020-04 (Cannabis Code Amendment)

PROJECT APPLICANT/SPONSOR:

CITY OF WILDOMAR

PROJECT LOCATION:

CITY-WIDE

APN(s):

N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

City Council consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2020-04 (Cannabis Code Amendment) to adopt a statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h), and adoption of 1) an Ordinance amending the Wildomar Municipal Code (Title 17 - Zoning) to revise Sections 17.12.040 (Zone Classification and Districts), 17.12.050 (Zone Classification and Districts), 17.72.010 (C-1/C-P zone), 17.76.010 (C-P-S zone), 17.88.010 (I-P zone) and 17.92.010 (M-SC zone), and add a new Chapter 17.315 (Cannabis Businesses) to establish cannabis business zoning and use regulations in the City of Wildomar; and 2) adoption of an Ordinance approving an amendment to Title 5 (Business License and Regulations) to add a new municipal code chapter (Chapter 5.76 - Commercial Cannabis Licensing) establishing Commercial Cannabis Licensing Regulations; and 2) adoption of a Resolution that will establish an Annual Regulatory Licensing Fixed-Fee; a Deposit-Based Local License Application Fee, a Deposit-Based Local License Renewal Fee, a Deposit-Based Conditional Use Permit Fee, and a Deposit-Based Development Agreement Fee, for all cannabis businesses locating in the City of Wildomar.

This is to advise that the City Council of the City of Wildomar as Lead Agency, on May 28, 2020 approved the above described code amendment project and determined it to be statutorily exempt from further environmental review requirements per Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h) as permitted in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, and as further defined in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA, as subsequently amended.

EXEMPTION STATUS:

- Ministerial:
- Declared Emergency:
- ✓ Statutory Exemption ***Per Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h)***
 - General Rule /
 - Categorical Exemption
 - Other:

REASONS TO SUPPORT EXEMPTION FINDINGS:

Based on the above and in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21000, et seq. (“CEQA”)), a review of the potential environmental impacts was conducted by the Planning Department for Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2020-04. Based on this review, the Planning Department has determined that the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h). This provision in the Business and Professions Code exempts from CEQA review the adoption of an ordinance, rule, or regulation by a local jurisdiction that requires discretionary review and approval of permits, licenses, or other authorizations to engage in commercial cannabis activity. As approved by City Council, the Ordinances for ZOA 2020-04 (Cannabis Code Amendment), discretionary review is required for Development Agreements (DA) and Conditional Use Permits (CUP) by the Planning Commission and City Council for each cannabis business seeking to operate in the City, and any applicable/project specific CEQA analysis for a DA/CUP will be done prior to the approval of these discretionary entitlements in accordance with Section 15070 or 15081 of CEQA. Given this, the City Council adopted a CEQA Statutory Exemption pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h).

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May 28, 2020

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