

EXHIBIT 7

NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Ventura County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to provisions of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Adoption of an Ordinance amending the Ventura County Building Code
Lead Agency/County Agency of Filing: Ventura County
Project Proponent (Applicant): Ventura County Building and Safety Division
Project Location: Countywide
Date of Approval: November 5, 2019
Exemption Filed With: Ventura County Clerk of the Board

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project is adoption of specified portions of the California Building Standards Codes known as Title 24, Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11; and

The model codes adopted by reference in the VCBC:

1. The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2018 Edition.
2. The International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition

The amendments contained in the VCBC to the above referenced codes are broken down into three categories:

1. Editorial changes that either update references, section numbers, chapter and section titles, or add highlighting of definitions, or make grammatical corrections and clarifying language revisions. These are found in various places throughout the Draft 2019 VCBC.
2. Administrative changes that modify permit processes or requirements or other administrative provisions in the VCBC. For the most part, the administrative provisions are very similar to the 2016 VCBC provisions.
3. Technical changes or “building standards” which affect the specific design and approval of a structure. Some previous local amendments dealing with “building standards” have been reduced or eliminated as they are no longer necessary or that minimum State standards may have changed.

Finally, other important changes have been made to the various state and model codes with regard to definitions, foundations, shear walls, as well as private sewage disposal systems. The provisions for Grading from the 2016 VCBC, Appendix J, have been carried forward into the 2019 VCBC in their entirety, but have been updated to reflect more current and enforceable standards, where permitted by State law. Similarly, the provisions for Private Sewage Disposal Systems from the 2016 VCBC have been updated and carried forward to the 2019 VCBC for better enforcement and installation standards to comply with applicable State laws.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, as 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.