

**Notice of Exemption**

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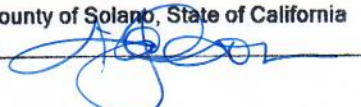
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the County of Solano, State of California  
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Project Title: Objective Planning Standards

Project Applicant: CITY OF BENICIA

Project Location City of Benicia

Project Location - City: City of Benicia

Project Location - County: Solano County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project is an amendment to the Objective Planning and Design Standards for Housing Development Projects ("Objective Planning Standards"), and to the Benicia Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 17.70 to require compliance with the Objective Planning Standards including amendments to the following Chapters of the BMC to reference and align the Objective Planning and Design Standards: Chapters 17.12 (Definitions), 17.24 (Residential Districts), 17.28 (Commercial Districts), 17.36 (Open Space District), 17.44 (Planned Development District) and 17.74 (Off Street Parking and Loading Regulations). The Form Based Code (Chapter 4) of the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan is also amended to incorporate the Objective Planning Standards by reference.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Benicia

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planning Division

**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));h
- Categorical Exemption. **State type and section number:**
- Statutory Exemptions. **State code number:**# Section 15060, subd. (c)(2) and 15061, subd.(b)(3), CEQA guidelines.

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is Exempt pursuant to Section 15060, subd. (c)(2) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the requested action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable change in the environment and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subd.(b)(3) because there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed amendments would clarify and reinforce existing Objective Planning and Design Standards for Housing Development Projects, as well as the existing policies of the General Plan, Arsenal Historic Conservation Plan, and Downtown Historic Conservation Plan. The proposed amendments to the Benicia Municipal Code and Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan are consistent with such existing policies.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Suzanne Thorsen

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 746-4382

Signature: 

Date: 9/24/2021

Title: Planning Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: - \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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