

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From (Public Agency): City of Murrieta
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Project Title:	6 th Code Updates (MCA-2023-00003)	
Project Location - Specific:	Citywide	
Project Location - City:	City of Murrieta	
Project Location - County:	County of Riverside	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:		
Nature:	<p>The "Project" is a request by the City of Murrieta to amend Chapter 16.18 for "Hazardous Materials Storage" for updated terminology and updated notification protocols with underground and above ground storage tanks; updates to Solid Waste/Recyclable Materials Storage to fix an existing error and renumbering related tables to facilitate easier referencing; amend Chapter 16.22 for the use of barbed and razor wire due to safety concerns/aesthetics with some exceptions; amend Chapter 16.30 for Construction Noise as Saturdays are missing operating hours, amend to Chapter 16.34 to address parking quantities for agricultural and similar uses; amend Chapter 16.38 to address Signs to address some existing minor typos, updates table numbering/naming, and adding the "Innovation Zone" to the Business Park sign standards; provide updates to Chapter 16.44 for Residential Accessory Structures to address existing setback inconsistencies and to provide additional clarity on what is applicable; provide updates for vehicles dealerships to provide additional clarify; provide shipping container cross-referencing to the California Building Code Section 3115 for safety conformance, provide updates to wedding/event facilities to correct a 4.5 acre versus 5-acre inconsistency; provide updates to Chapter 16.46 for the removal of the Planning Commission report to City Council by the City Clerk's office, provide updates to Medicinal Cannabis Delivery Service to add large medical centers as a sensitive use; provide updates to Chapters 16.90 and 16.98 to streamline the processing of Final Maps under the City Engineer's authority; and provide updates to Chapter 16.110 to add a Gross Floor Area definition which is currently lacking and miscellaneous updates to Chapter 16. Relatedly, provide updates to Chapter 1.26 to correct an existing timeline as it relates to the appeal of administrative citations, provide updates to the Municipal Code for updates under 8.28, as it relates to the authorization for the removal of refuse, and provide updates to Chapter 10.44 for removal of the Estate Residential 2 (ER-2) Zone exception for parking on paved surfaces due to the smaller lot configuration within that zone.</p>	
Purpose:	<p>The ordinance amendment amends the Municipal Code to be consistent with new State regulations and address new issues and unforeseen challenges that were not anticipated as part of the original code adoption.</p>	
Public Agency Approval:	<p>On June 26, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council for the proposed amendments to the Murrieta Development Code (first reading) of Ordinance No. 610-24 (MCA 2023-00003).</p> <p>On September 17, 2024, the City Council approved the introduction of the proposed amendments to the Murrieta Municipal Code (first reading) of Ordinance No. 610-24 (MCA 2023-00003).</p> <p>On October 15, 2024, the City Council approved the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Murrieta Municipal Code (second reading) of Ordinance No. 610-24 (MCA 2023-00003).</p>	
Beneficiaries:	City of Murrieta	
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Murrieta	

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:		City of Murrieta	
Exempt Status (check one):		<i>Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 152269(a));		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. Type and Section:	State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) "Common Sense Exemption"	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. Code Number:		
Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The "Project" has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section §15061(b)(3) as the activity is covered by the "common sense" exemption and that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The minor amendments inclusive of this amendment fall within the scope of this CEQA Section and would be within the framework of the City's existing General Plan and Zoning parameters.			
Lead Agency		Telephone	
Contact Person: Chris Tracy, AICP Senior Planner		& Extension: (951) 461-6046	
If Filed by Applicant:			
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?			
Signature:		Title: Senior Planner	Date:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency	Date received for filing at OPR:
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant	