

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk and Recorder's Office
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

FROM: City of Murrieta
Planning Division
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562

Project Title: MCA-2026-00013 (Residential Objective Design Standards Update and Code Amendment)

Project Applicant: City of Murrieta, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 461-6060

Description of Project: An update to the Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Objective Design Standards (ODS) to incorporate design standards for single-family housing types, accessory dwelling units, and to amend various sections of the current design standards. The Project involves adopting an ordinance amending the Development Code to incorporate the ODS by reference.

Project Site Size: Citywide

Project Location: City of Murrieta

Public Agency Approval: On June 2, 2026, the City of Murrieta City Council made the determination that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

☒ X Categorical Exemption: 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning
☐ The activity is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3))

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt: The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, based on the following findings:

The project is an Ordinance to adopt Residential Objective Design Standards. The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as this meets the required actions of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning, because it involves the adoption and implementation of design standards which regulate the general design of residential projects, which will not cause significant environmental impact and implements a uniformly applied development policy or standard that is consistent with the General Plan Housing Element policy to further regulate multi-family residential development. This determination is predicated on Section 15004 of the guidelines, which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review. The project(s) for which the Objective Design Standards are utilized or are intended, may require the preparation of an environmental document as part of their project(s) review in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines.

Contact Person: Dennis Watts, Senior Planner **Phone Number:** (951) 461-6037

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Received for Filing: (To be completed by the County)

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