

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**To:** \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From: (Public Agency)**  
City of Merced  
678 West 18th St.

X  County Clerk  
County of Merced  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**Project Title: Design Review Application #22-01 (Environmental Review #22-33)**

**Project Applicant:** Howard Vierra (property owner)

**Project Location (Specific):** 953 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street

**APN:** 031-042-015

**Project Location - City:** Merced

**Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Construction of a 3-unit apartment complex (2 bedroom/2bathroom) within a Central Commercial (C-C) zone.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Merced

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Howard Vierra (property owner)

**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));
- X  Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number:  15332
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_.
- General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:** As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project is considered an in-fill project. The project location is within the City limits on an approximately 0.17-acre parcel surrounded by urban uses. The site can be served by all required utilities and public services, and the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No significant effects resulting from traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality will result from the construction of the building. The project is consistent with the City of Merced General Plan and Zoning regulations.

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

**Contact Person:** Stephani Davis **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 385-6858

**Signature:**    **Date:** August 19, 2022

**Title:** Development Services Technician II

X  Signed by Lead Agency **Date Received for Filing at OPR:**  n/a   
(If applicable)