

**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:** Certificate of Alteration #23-01 Minor Use Permit #23-09  
(Environmental Review #23-23)

**Project Applicant:** Melinda Stewart Wilbur for Bear Creek Inn, LLC (property owner)

**Project Location (Specific):** 575 W. North Bear Creek Drive APN: 007-310-002

**Project Location - City:** Merced **Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** install a 7-foot wrought fence around the perimeter of a historical property

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Melinda Stewart Wilbur for Bear Creek Inn, LLC (property owners)

**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:  15331
- 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 related to the preservation of a locally historical resource. Class 31 consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

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

**Signature:**    **Date:** July 14, 2023

**Title:** Development Services Technician II

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