

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: (Public Agency)  
City of Merced  
678 West 18th St.  
Merced, CA 95340

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County of Merced  
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Merced, CA 95340

**Project Title:** Zoning Ordinance Amendment #23-02/Environmental Review #23-24

**Project Applicant:** City of Merced

**Project Location (Specific):** City of Merced (City wide)

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This application involves various changes to the Merced Zoning Ordinance (Title 20 of the Merced Municipal Code) which would add Sections 20.08.060 (Small Home Single-Family Dwelling) and Section 20.44.180 (Tiny Homes on Wheels Villages), modify the existing Chapter 20.42 (Accessory Dwelling Units) and Chapter 20.56 (Density Bonus) to comply with current State regulations and amend Merced Municipal Code Sections 20.08-1 (Permitted Land Uses in the Residential Zoning Districts) and Section 20.90.020 (Definitions). These amendments would allow for further development of smaller parcels, smaller unit sizes, villages for Tiny Homes on Wheels or Small Homes and define these units.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Merced

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

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:** The proposed Ordinance has been reviewed by City staff in accordance with the Environmental Checklist Form (Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines) to determine if there would be any possibility that the proposed ordinance would create any significant environmental impacts, and City staff has determined that the amendment of regulations for tiny homes on wheels and small homes does not meet any of the thresholds contained in the Checklist that would trigger a significant environmental impact, and thus according to the “general rule exemption” (Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines), projects which have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment are not subject to CEQA, no further environmental analysis is required.

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

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**Signature:**  **Date:** June 20, 2023 **Title:** Management Analyst  
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X Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)