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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
 County of: Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street, Room 520
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street Room 9/10
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Project Title: New Construction Energy Reach Code

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz, California

Project Location - Specific:

Entire City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The ordinance changes propose local modifications to the California Energy Code. The "reach code" triggers more stringent source energy (underlying fuel sources such as coal, natural gas, or solar used to power building systems and equipment) requirements for single-family residential, multi-family residential, and non-residential uses. The ordinance also requires that for non-residential and multi-family residential buildings with central water heating where a gas appliance is installed, physical space and ventilation paths for future all-electric equipment must be provided, as well as sufficient electrical panel and transformer capacity for the future change. The ordinance reduces greenhouse gas emissions, improves indoor air quality and reduces potential for fires across the City.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz

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: 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The municipal code amendments are consistent with the Negative Declaration approved for the City of Santa Cruz 2030 Climate Action Plan adopted by City Council on September 13, 2022. Therefore, no further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required. The ordinance is also exempt from CEQA under the general rule, 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that the provisions contained herein would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Further, this ordinance is exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, since the proposed ordinance would institute regulatory requirements intended to protect the environment and natural resources.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Tiffany Wise-West Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-420-5433

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes ■ No

Signature: *tiffany wise-west* Date: 1/9/2024 Title: Sustainability + Resiliency Officer

■ Signed by Lead Agency ■ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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