

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept.
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Clerk of the Board
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FILE NO.: PP2019-46

Project Title: Staff of Life Natural Food Market

Project Location - Specific: 906-912 East Lake Avenue, East Lake Village Shopping Center

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves the exterior and interior renovation to an existing 18,035± square-foot building within the East lake Village Shopping Center and the construction of four additions. The project includes adding 291± square-feet to the front of the building by enclosing area under the existing roof, adding 530± square-feet to the rear loading dock by enclosing area under existing roof, and adding of 535± square-feet under the rear roof structure for the recycling and trash enclosure, and incorporate a 800± square-foot adjacent tenant space (formerly used by Sushi-Qu Restaurant). These modifications would result in increasing the size of the former grocery store space by 2,156± square-feet for a new building area of 20,191± square-feet. Other improvements include creating a new plaza at the front entrance of the building, with new signage and decorative lighting.

Name of Public agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Staff of Life Natural Food Market (Agent: David Subocz)

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: Class 1, §15301
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, in that the project involves no changes in the existing use of the structure as a grocery store and proposed additions total less than 2,500 square-feet in area. The proposed interior and exterior alterations of the existing grocery store involve a negligible expansion of use. The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Justin Meek

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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:  **Date:** July 11, 2019

Title: Principal Planner

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.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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