

**Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: City of Benicia  
250 East L Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

County Clerk  
County of: Solano

**Project Title: OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MIXED USE AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS & REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-3**

**Project Applicant: CITY OF BENICIA**

**Project Location**  
CITYWIDE

**Project Location - City:** City of Benicia

**Project Location - County:** Solano County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The adopted Ordinance No. 19-7 repealed Ordinance No. 19-3 which placed a moratorium on work/live quarters and adopted interim development standards for multifamily and mixed use residential projects.

The adopted Objective Design Standards apply to all multiple family and mixed use housing development in Benicia. The Historic Preservation Review Commission (HPRC) held several study sessions and provided direction on the standards. The Planning Commission reviewed the Design Standards and provided feedback.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Planning Division

**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: #15060(c)(2); 15061(b)(3)**

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

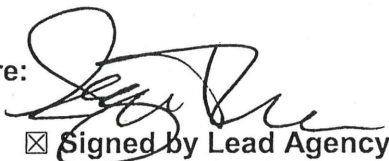
The project is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060, subd. (c)(2) because the it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subd. (b)(3) because there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. All projects for which the Objective Design Standards would apply will undergo separate CEQA review and approval.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Suzanne Thorsen

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (707) 746-4382

**Signature:**

  
 Signed by Lead Agency

**Date:** 9/20/19 **Title:** Principal Planner

Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: -

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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