

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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.: PP2019-244

Project Title: Clifford Manor Repair and Rehabilitation Project

Project Location - Specific: 218 & 225 Clifford Avenue

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of demolishing an existing community building to construct a new 3,255± sq. ft. community building and a 215± square foot laundry room addition to building number 233. Other modifications include exterior/interior rehabilitation repairs to all apartment buildings and site improvements to include new landscaping, new lighting, drainage alterations, new playgrounds, new picnic areas, and new trash enclosures.

Name of Public agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tomoyo Combies, The John Stewart Company

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: 15301 & 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is eligible for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption per Section 15301 and Section 15302 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* as it involves a minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and reconstruction of an existing structure located on the same site and with substantially the same purpose. The project site is located in an urbanized setting and is developed as an apartment complex. The existing use—medium density multi-family development—is principally permitted in the RM-2 Zoning District. 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: January 15, 2020

Title: Principle Planner, AICP

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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