



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: ENV22870
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PALO ALTO	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/07/2020
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SANTA CLARA	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE 2015 AMHERST STREET

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME WALTER CHAPMAN/CHAPMAN DESIGN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (650) 941-6890
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 S 2L MONTE AVENUE	CITY LOS ALTOS	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94022

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> School District	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,136.50	\$	

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

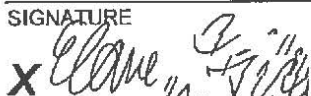
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	\$50.00
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SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Elaine Fader, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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County of Santa Clara
Office of the County Clerk-Recorder
Business Division

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Santa Clara County - Clerk-Recorder Office
State of California

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ENVIRONMENTAL FILING

No. of Pages: 4

Total Fees: \$50.00

File Date: 08/07/2020

Expires: 09/13/2020

CEQA DOCUMENT DECLARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE RECEIPT

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Palo Alto
2. **PROJECT TITLE:** 2015 Amherst St
3. **APPLICANT NAME:** Walter Chapman/Chapman Design Associates **PHONE:** 650-941-6890
4. **APPLICANT ADDRESS:** 620 S El Monte Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022
5. **PROJECT APPLICANT IS A:** ☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity
6. **NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR** 37 **DAYS.**
7. **CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

a. PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DFG FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21152) | \$ 3,343.25 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080(C)) | \$ 2,406.75 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY) | \$ 850.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS | \$ 1,136.50 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE (REQUIRED FOR a-1 THROUGH a-4 ABOVE)
Fish & Game Code §711.4(e) | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |

b. PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DFG FEES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. A COMPLETED "CEQA FILING FEE NO EFFECT DETERMINATION FORM" FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, DOCUMENTING THE DFG'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, OR AN OFFICIAL, DATED RECEIPT / PROOF OF PAYMENT SHOWING PREVIOUS PAYMENT OF THE DFG FILING FEE FOR THE *SAME PROJECT IS ATTACHED (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) | | |
| DOCUMENT TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE DECLARATION | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |

c. NOTICES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DFG FEES OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF PREPARATION | <input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF INTENT | NO FEE | \$ <u>NO FEE</u> |
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8. **OTHER:** _____ **FEE (IF APPLICABLE):** \$ _____

9. **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

*NOTE: "SAME PROJECT" MEANS NO CHANGES. IF THE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IS NOT THE SAME (OTHER THAN DATES), A "NO EFFECT DETERMINATION" LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE SUBSEQUENT FILING OR THE APPROPRIATE FEES ARE REQUIRED.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED TO THE FRONT OF ALL CEQA DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING COPIES) SUBMITTED FOR FILING. WE WILL NEED AN ORIGINAL (WET SIGNATURE) AND TWO (2) COPIES. IF THERE ARE ATTACHMENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE THREE (3) SETS OF ATTACHMENTS FOR SUBMISSION. (YOUR ORIGINAL WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF FILING.)

CHECKS FOR ALL FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

PLEASE NOTE: FEES ARE ANNUALLY ADJUSTED (Fish & Game Code §711.4(b); PLEASE CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE LATEST FEE INFORMATION.

"... NO PROJECT SHALL BE OPERATIVE, VESTED, OR FINAL, NOR SHALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS FOR THE PROJECT BE VALID, UNTIL THE FILING FEES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE PAID." Fish & Game Code §711.4(c)(3)

(Fees Effective 01-01-2020)



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE:

2015 Amherst St

PROJECT LOCATION:

2015 Amherst St, Parcel 137-07-038, Amherst St & Stanford Ave., Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, 0.24 acre (10,462 sf)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Request by Walter Chapman of Chapman Design Associates for Individual Review (IR) to allow demolition of an existing single-story 500 square foot residence and 300 square foot carport and to construct a new two-story, approximately 4,200 square foot residence with a partial basement and detached garage in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District.

**NAME OF PUBLIC
AGENCY APPROVING
THE PROJECT:**

City of Palo Alto

**NAME OF PERSON OR
GROUP CARRYING OUT
PROJECT:**

Walter Chapman/Chapman Design Associates
620 S El Monte Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022

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: Guideline Section 15303 (New Construction); 15302 (Replacement)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. [INSERT State code number]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The Class 3 exemption applies to projects that construct a limited number of new, small facilities or structures do not exceed the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include construction of a single-family residence in a residential zone. The Class 2 exemption applies to the replacement of an existing structure on the same site as the structure replaced and that will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The project involves the demolition of an existing single-family home and carport and construction of a new single-family home and a detached garage in the same location, consistent with the zoning of the property (R-1, Single Family Residential). The structure would be built on the east corner of Amherst Street and Stanford Avenue within an urban setting. Surrounding zoning and uses include other single family residences within the R-1 Zoning District. An approximately 20-foot-wide grassy swale is located on the northwest side of the proposed structure.

On behalf of the City, SWCA prepared a Biological Resources Evaluation (BRE). The BRE is available on the City of Palo Alto's website for the project, and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2015amherst>. The BRE analyzed the potential for sensitive and common plants and animals, habitats and sensitive natural communities, wildlife movement corridors, and water features potentially subject to federal or state jurisdiction to occur on site or within a 200-foot of the project site. The BRE concludes there are no waters of the State or Waters of the U.S. present on the project site and based on the lack of hydrophytic vegetation, hydrological influence, and hydric soils, the BSA does not contain stormwater conveyance, wetland, riparian, or any other potentially sensitive jurisdictional features. No special status plants were observed within the study area and there are no natural communities that occur within the project area. The BRE also concludes that due to fragmentation, development, and a high level of disturbance and human activity at the site, it is not anticipated that the project will adversely affect a wildlife movement corridor. The project would implement standard best management practices to ensure the protection of nesting birds in accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The project, therefore, is categorically exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act under the Class 3 exemption (15303).

Exceptions to the Exemptions

The City is aware that there are six categories or exceptions that preclude the use of Categorical Exemptions, as listed in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2. These categories, followed by the reason(s) the City believes they are not applicable to this project, are as follows:

15300.2(a) Location. Classes 3,4,5,6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located—a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact may in a particularly sensitive environment

As described above, the BRE concludes that there are no sensitive or protected biological resources or habitat on the project site. Therefore, the project would not result in a significant impact due to its location.

15300.2(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project is a stand-alone, site specific construction project that would not be phased. No other projects are planned for this site in the foreseeable future.

15300.2(c) Significant Effect. There are no unusual circumstances creating the possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA.

There are no unusual circumstances affecting the project or property such as archeological or cultural resources or anything unique about the location of the property or adjacent properties, or existing uses or features on the property or adjacent property. The project complies with zoning and the comprehensive plan.

15300.2(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, with a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project site is not visible from a scenic highway. I-280 and Skyline Blvd (HWY 35) are the only State scenic highways in Palo Alto and they are not visible from 2015 Amherst.

15300.2(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The City has reviewed the Cortese List on the Envirostor databased to confirm that the project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Sec 65962.5 of the Government Code.

15300.2(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

The project would have no impact on a historic resource.

PROJECT PLANNER: Samuel Gutierrez

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

Declare if a Notice of Exemption has been filed by the public agency approving the project

☒ Yes

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N/A



Signature (Public Agency)

Planner
Title

7/20/2020
Date