



City of Ukiah

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NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

TO: X Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

X County Clerk
500 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA, 95482

PROJECT TITLE: Adoption of a "Signs Ordinance"

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Ukiah

PUBLIC AGENCY DECIDING TO CARRY OUT PROJECT: City of Ukiah

DATE OF APPROVAL: June 4, 2025

NAME OF PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Ukiah

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CEQA EXEMPTION STATUS:

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); 15311 (Accessory Structures)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption Section
- ☒ Other: CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed amendments to Ukiah's City Code aim to update the City's sign regulations, modifying standards for signage type, placement, illumination, and design consistency across zoning districts.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The ordinance does not authorize new development, intensify land uses, or permit physical alterations that would result

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in environmental impacts. Instead, it updates and clarifies existing regulations related to signage, streamlines administrative procedures, and establishes objective standards for review.

Additionally, the project is categorically exempt under the following CEQA Guidelines:

- §15301 (Existing Facilities): Applies because the ordinance pertains primarily to continued use and minor alterations of existing signage infrastructure with negligible or no expansion of use.
- §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures): Applies to occasional new, small freestanding signs or minor structural modifications consistent with the updated standards.
- §15311 (Accessory Structures): Applies to on-premises signage accessory to legally established uses.

The project does not trigger any exceptions under §15300.2 that would preclude use of these exemptions. Staff recommends the Council introduce by title only an ordinance amending the Ukiah City Code to update the City's sign regulations, modifying standards for signage type, placement, illumination, and design consistency across zoning districts.

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This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption and other project related documents are available to the General Public at: Community Development Department, Planning Division, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482.



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