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Project Title:	Applications for Local Ordinances Exceeding the 2025 Energy Code
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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz

(Address)
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Project Title: Ordinance to require energy conservation measures for HVAC replacements and installations in Existing Nonresidential Buildings.

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - Specific:
Entire City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The ordinance creates an energy reach code that requires additional energy standards for existing nonresidential buildings with an intent to provide property owners with a range of energy efficiency measure options when replacing or installing heating, ventilation and air conditioner replacements that will also meet goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuel use citywide.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz

- 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: 1) Common Sense Exemption, 15061(b)(3)
2) Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment, Section 15308, Class 8
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The ordinance is exempt from CEQA under the general rule, 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that the provisions contained in the ordinance would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, is exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, since the proposed ordinance would institute regulatory requirements intended to protect the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Tiffany Wise-West Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-420-5433

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: [Signature] Date: 11/21/25 Title: Sustainability + Resiliency officer
▪ Signed by Lead Agency ▪ Signed by Applicant

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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