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CEQA DOCUMENT DECLARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE RECEIPT

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. LEAD AGENCY: City of Los Altos

2. PROJECT TITLE: Local Amendments to the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code and California Energy Code

3. APPLICANT NAME: Jon Biggs
   PHONE: 650-947-2635

4. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 1 N. San Antonio Rd 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 ___ 30 ___ DAYS.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

   Notice of Exemption
   
   a. PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DFG FEES
      
      □ 1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21152) $3,343.25 $0.00
      □ 2. NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21060(C)) $2,406.75 $0.00
      □ 3. APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY) $850.00 $0.00
      □ 4. PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS $1,136.50 $0.00
      □ 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE (REQUIRED FOR A-1 THROUGH A-4 ABOVE) $50.00 $0.00

   b. PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DFG FEES
      
      □ 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION ($50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) $50.00 $50.00
      □ 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)

   c. NOTICES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DFG FEES OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
      
      □ NOTICE OF PREPARATION □ NOTICE OF INTENT NO FEE $0.00

8. OTHER: .......................................................... $0.00

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.

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

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

TO:  □ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
☑ County Clerk-Recorder’s Office  
County of Santa Clara  
East Wing, First Floor  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

FROM: City of Los Altos  
One North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022-3087

PROJECT TITLE:  Local Amendments to the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code and California Energy Code

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC:  Citywide

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY:  Los Altos

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:  Santa Clara

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:  Local ordinances (2020-470A, 2020-470B, 2020-470C, and 2020-471) making reasonably necessary exceptions, deletions, modifications, additions and amendments to the 2019 California Energy Code and Green Building Standards Code. Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25402.1(h)(2) and Section 10-106 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, the city of Los Altos has applied to the California Energy Commission for a determination that its locally adopted energy efficiency standard, enacted in Local Ordinances 2020-470A, 2020-470B, and 2020-470C (the Ordinances), will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (2019 Energy Standards) adopted by the Energy Commission. The Energy Commission’s Building Standards are set forth in Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations. These ordinances require installation of infrastructure for electric appliances in newly constructed residential and non-residential building types; specific building types identified in the ordinances, allow for specific gas-fueled appliance(s) or equipment.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:  City of Los Altos

NAME OF PERSON CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:  City of Los Altos

EXEMPT STATUS:  (check one)  
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 2108(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: 15061(b)(3) & 15308  
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

REASON(S) WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:  The City of Los Altos ordinances will require the diminution of energy consumption levels permitted by the 2019 Energy Standards, involves the comparison of the energy savings of the ordinances pursuant to an objective fixed standard, and does not require the
exercise of judgment or deliberation on the part of the Energy Commission. It is therefore a ministerial act consistent with Section 15369 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(1) and section 15268 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

The Energy Commission also determined that the activity is covered by the general rule that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3).) Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Energy Commission previously found that its adoption of the California Green Building Code was exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3). Additionally, a negative declaration was previously adopted for the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards as a whole. These standards are more protective of the environment than the state standards, and there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts, and so there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. As the lead agency, the City of Los Altos also states in its application to the Energy Commission that this activity is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jon Biggs, Community Development Director Telephone: 650-947-2635

Nov 12, 2020

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: