



CITY OF CORONA
PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT
(Certificate of Determination When attached to Notice of Exemption)

Name, Description and Location of Project:

ZTA2019-0002: Zone text amendment to Title 17 of the Corona Municipal Code to add definitions for artisan marketplace and micro distillery to Chapter 17.04 and amend the review of alcoholic beverage permits by the Zoning Administrator to include micro distillery, winery and liquor lounge in Section 17.99.020.

SPA2019-0003: Amendment to the Downtown Revitalization Specific Plan (SP98-01) to amend the Land Use Table to include additional entertainment, retail and eating and drinking establishments to encourage the redevelopment and reuse of underutilized properties in the downtown area generally located on Sixth Street within the Grand Boulevard circle.

Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

- ☒ **X A.** Public Agency: City of Corona, 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92880 / (951) 736-2262.
☐ **B.** Other (private)

Staff Determination:

The City's staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the City's Resolution entitled "Local Guidelines of the City of Corona Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

- ☐ **A.** The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.
☐ **B.** The project is a Ministerial Project.
☐ **C.** The project is an Emergency Project.
☐ **D.** The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.
☐ **E.** The project is categorically exempt: Applicable Exemption Class: ****
☐ **F.** The project is a statutory exemption. Code section number:
☒ **X G.** The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:
Per Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the project because Section 15061(b)(3) states that a project is exempted from CEQA if the activity is covered by the *common sense exemption* that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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. SPA2019-0003 solely involves text revisions to an existing specific plan that already accommodates a variety of commercial uses. The zoning designations established in the specific plan are not affected by this amendment, therefore, the land uses anticipated on these properties will not impact the current environment. ZTA2019-0002 solely involves text revisions to the city's Zoning Ordinance to include definitions for certain land uses and to include land uses that would reasonably fall under the review of the Zoning Administrator for an alcoholic beverage permit. There is no possibility that this activity will have a significant effect on the environment.
☐ **H.** The project involves another public agency which constitutes the lead agency. Name of Lead Agency:

Date: _____

Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director
Lead Agency Representative

EXHIBIT B



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: CLERK OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

FROM: CITY OF CORONA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
400 S. VICENTIA AVE, SUITE 120
CORONA, CA 92882

1. Project title: ZTA2019-0002 & SPA2019-0003
2. Project location (specific): N/A – City wide
3. a. Project location - City of Corona
b. Project location - County of Riverside
4. Description of nature, purpose and beneficiaries of project:
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5. Name of public agency approving project: City of Corona
6. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: City of Corona
7. Exempt Status (check one):
 - a. ☐ Ministerial Project (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268).
 - b. ☐ Not a project.
 - c. ☐ Emergency project (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c)).
 - d. ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and class number: *****
 - e. ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a)).
 - f. ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code section number
 - g. ☒ Other: See below explanation.
8. Reasons why the project is exempt:

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9. Contact Person/Telephone No.: Joanne Coletta / (951) 736-2434
10. Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.

Date received for filing: _____

Signature: _____
Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director