

CITY OF FRESNO
ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING OF NO POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-15-009

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO HAVE NO
SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Development and Resource Management Department
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PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed ordinance would amend Sections 12-2103 and 12-2104 and add Sections 12-2104.1 and 12-2108 to the Fresno Municipal Code relating to the cultivation of marijuana. The proposed amendments would allow the cultivation of 4 medical marijuana plants within a residence that complies with the provisions of the amendments.

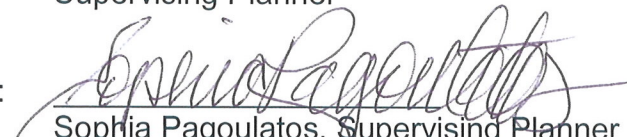
This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: In accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the project has been determined not to be subject to the requirements of CEQA as City staff can state with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the proposed amendments may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Current law prohibits all cultivation of marijuana and the amendments would allow immunity for the indoor cultivation of up to four medical marijuana plants, which, from an environmental perspective would be no different than the common cultivation of house plants. In addition, vehicle trips could be reduced since the proposed amendments would allow medical marijuana patients the ability to cultivate their own medical marijuana instead of traveling outside of the City to procure it. Therefore, this project is exempt from CEQA.

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