

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P20-01139**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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PROJECT LOCATION: 704 to 722 North Blackstone Avenue; Located on the southeast corner of North Blackstone and East Bremer Avenues (APN's: 452-224-09, 10 and 11)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment No. P20-01139 was filed by Eric Tange of Galloway & Company, Inc., on behalf of Sage Blackstone Fresno LLC, and pertains to 0.03 acres of property. The project proposes to vacate a portion of East Thomas Avenue, East of North Blackstone Avenue and North of State Route 180 as outlined in Exhibit A.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. This exemption includes modifications to existing streets.

The proposed project is consistent with the exemption because the project is requesting to vacate a portion of East Thomas Avenue that is currently flatwork/landscape area. The area to be vacated is proposed to be used as a landscape strip with flatwork for a proposed convenience store.

None of the exception to categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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