

**CITY OF FRESNO
NO POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P23-02443**

APPLICANT: City of Fresno Public Works Department
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2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Municipal Code Section 15-3804, requires that subdividers improve, or execute a secured agreement to install all the public improvements within the development. Most developers enter into a Subdivision Agreement and post bonds to guarantee that they build all the public improvements including the sewer lines, water pipes, streets, sidewalks, street trees and landscaping. The Building Industry Association has requested that the Municipal Code be modified to allow the release of the bonds prior to the completion of certain sidewalk improvements, driveway approaches, and planting of street trees. Occupancy of a home would not be permitted until all the street improvements in front of the home have been installed and inspected. Additionally, the street improvements required to be completed are not changing or expanding in any way as a result of this text amendment.

This project is exempt under Section 15061 (b) (3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies to this project.

EXPLANATION: The State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act provide for the exemption of projects which will clearly have no significant effect on the environment. More specifically, Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines states: "...CEQA applies only to projects which 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."

It has been determined that the above-referenced project falls within the purview of Section 15061 (b) (3) and is, therefore, exempt from CEQA.

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