

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CEQA EXEMPTION**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE  
PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF  
THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

**APPLICANT:** City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Areas within the jurisdiction of the City of Fresno

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City proposes to adopt an ordinance to add Article 36 to Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to Commercial Scrap Metal. The ordinance allows the City to deter, prevent, and prosecute the possession and vandalism of stolen copper and aluminum wire. Specifically, Article 36 makes it a punishable offense for any person without a valid and relevant business license to receive, possess, or transport scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, cable, transformer coils, transformer bands, power conducting components, or control system components or the type commonly found in electrical switch gear, or any combination thereof, with a total aggregate weight of 10lbs. or more.

**The Project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

The Project is exempt under the common sense exemption that 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.

The proposed ordinance qualifies for the common sense exemption from CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that passage and enforcement of the ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment. There will be negligible change to the physical environment as a result of the adoption and enforcement of this ordinance. The ordinance does not relate to any physical project or action.

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