

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS**

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: 6605 West Shaw Avenue (APN 512-030-99T)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of multiple solar photovoltaic (PV) canopies and associated electrical components (solar energy system) over the proposed east parking lot for the Fresno Fire Station #18 project. The project is located on the south side of West Shaw Avenue and west of North Bryan Avenue within the city limits. The proposed canopy photovoltaic system is intended to supplement the project's energy needs, and to generate savings in energy costs.

This project is exempt under Sections 15303/Class 3; 15304/Class 4; and 15332/Class 11 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 21080.35.1 of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) as follows:

15303/Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures:
(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures – a canopy photovoltaic system over proposed parking lot.

15304/Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land; consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. Examples include:
(a) grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent.

15311/Class 11 Accessory Structures; consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities:
(b) small parking lots.

Public Resources Code Section 21080.35.1 exempts solar energy systems on parking lots.

The proposed project is a solar system proposed over a parking lot that meets the criteria noted above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 and PRC Section 21080.35.1 apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

Fresno Fire Station #18 Solar Energy
CEQA Notice of Exemptions
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