

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION NO. P21-04428**

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: 3315 West Ashlan Avenue Suites 101-105; Located on the south side of West Ashlan Avenue between North Valentine and North Feland Avenues (APN: 433-391-30)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes the purchase of 3315 West Ashlan Avenue Suites 101-105 by the City of Fresno for the relocation of the City of Fresno Fire Station No. 12. The 1.95 acres currently has a 7,600 square foot building, which would be utilized as the new station. The applicant also proposes to construct a 5,400 square foot addition for apparatus and storage space. The purchase of the property and building expansion is critical to meet the demands of the city's population growth and increase in emergency calls.

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 operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" include additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet if (a) the project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and (b) the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

The proposed 5,400 square foot addition is less than the 10,000 square feet, which is permitted under this exemption. Additionally, the subject property is served by the necessary public utilities to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan. The subject property is also in an area that is not considered environmentally sensitive.

None of the exceptions 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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