

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MINOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ARTE
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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: 1630 Van Ness Avenue; Located on the northeast corner of Calaveras Street and Van Ness Avenue (APN: 466-141-04)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project was filed by the City of Fresno and pertains to approximately 1.07 acres of property located at 1630 Van Ness Avenue. The applicant proposes minor building improvements including placement of a storage container, installation of a commercial grade garbage bin enclosure around an existing garbage bin, extension of the wrought iron fence around the perimeter of the property with automatic gates, installation of video surveillance equipment, repairment of HVAC units, repairment of main kitchen drain line, replacement and reinforcement of outdoor stage and deck, and minor building electrical repairs. The subject property is zoned CMS (*Commercial – Main Street*).

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Section 15301/Class 1 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 proposed project consists of minor repair, permitting and maintenance of a private facility (installation of video surveillance equipment, repairment of HVAC units, repairment of main kitchen drain line, replacement and reinforcement of outdoor stage and deck, and minor building electrical repairs) and the minor alteration of the existing private facility (extension of wrought iron fence around the perimeter of the property with automatic gates and installation of a commercial grade enclosure around the existing garbage bin) resulting in negligible expansion of the existing use.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, as the subject site is a developed property in an urbanized area, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the

environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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