

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-15-019**

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: South side of Shaw Avenue, between North Bryan and North Grantland
Avenues in northwest Fresno
(APN: 512-030-33)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment Application No. EA-15-019 is prepared for the acquisition of a vacant parcel located at APN 512-030-33 located on the south side of Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA for a new fire station. The parcel is approximately 1-acre in size and is currently undeveloped. The acquisition of the parcel will provide for construction of a new fire station. Upon acquiring the site, the Fire Department will construct a new fire station for improved fire response for, and service to the northwest area of Fresno.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15332/Class 32 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15301/Class 1 consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, including, existing streets, sidewalks, gutters and similar facilities. Section 15332/Class 32 exempts from the provisions of CEQA, those construction of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the following conditions: a) the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations, b) the proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses, c) the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, d) approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and e) the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The proposed project consists of the obtainment of vacant private property and alteration of existing on-site landscape and small outbuilding associated with an adjacent use, in order to construct a new fire station. The subject property is located within a semi-developed urban area, designated as residential/high density planned use, and surrounded by vacant and single-family residential uses. The subject property is located at 6617 West Shaw Avenue and contains approximately 43,500 square feet/-1 acre and is surrounded by vacant land and urban uses. The site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project. The site can be adequately served by sewer and water facilities.

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