

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-02935**

**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:** Mono Street between R Street and Fresno 41 affecting 662 and 710 R Street (APN: 468-114-17)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Development Permit Application No. P19-02935 proposes a vacation of Mono Street and R-S Alley between R Street and Freeway 41 totaling 14,695 square feet. The area being abandoned has a reoccurring homeless encampment with significant vandalism to the neighboring properties.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

**EXPLANATION:**

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.


Section 15301(Class 1/Existing Facilities) 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall with Class 1.

Under Section 15303/Class 3, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and, the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure. Examples include but are not limited to: Water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

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The proposed project consists of vacation of a dead-end street and alley between abutting Freeway 41 totaling 14,695 square feet. The area being abandoned has a reoccurring homeless encampment with significant vandalism to the neighboring properties. The proposed project is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and the Downtown Plan without negatively impacting the characteristics of the area and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 and 15303/Class 3, California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, as the area is not environmentally sensitive, as noted above, a categorical exemption has been prepared for the project.

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Site/Vicinity Map Diagram

