Exhibit C – CEQA Exemption Memo

CITY OF FRESNO CEQA EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. P23-03472

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

- APPLICANT: City of Fresno Planning & Development Department 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721
- **PROJECT LOCATION**: All areas designated as O (*Office*) zone districts within the corporate boundaries and jurisdiction of the City of Fresno.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Text Amendment Application No. P23-03472 proposes to amend Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 15, the Citywide Development Code to include Sub-Acute Care Facilities as an identified sub-classification under the general use definition of Hospitals and Clinics of Section 15-6703 *Public and Semi-Public Use Classifications* and to amend Table Section 15-1302 *Land Use Regulations-Employment Districts* to include a facility for Sub-Acute Care in the use classification of Hospital in the O (*Office*) zone district.

This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) under the common sense exemption states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Text Amendment only provides minor changes to the language of the text in the Development Code in order to identify and define a specific use type as a subclassification to the current use classification of Hospitals and Clinics and does not commit the city to any specific development on any particular site.

It would clarify that a sub-acute care facility is a use consistent with the current use classification of Hospital which is conditionally permitted in the O (Office) zone district subject to a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to the Public and Semi-Public Use Classifications under Table Section 15-1302. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed text amendment may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore is not subject to further CEQA review.

Therefore, Text Amendment P23-03472 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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