

**CITY OF FRESNO
EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. TA-17-005**

APPLICANT: Fresno City Council
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Text Amendment Application No. TA-17-005 was initiated by City Council Resolution 2015-249 on December 17, 2015. The purpose of this text amendment is to bring establishments that sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption into compliance with the current development code (Section 15-2706), primarily in regards to locational restrictions and operational requirements. The text amendment also places additional restrictions on these establishments including requiring licenses to be obtained from within the City, restricting indoor advertising structures, and also establishes a regular renewal process to hold businesses that violate the their conditions of approval accountable.

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

EXPLANATION:


The State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act provide for the exemption of projects which will have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. More specifically, Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines states: "...CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

The City of Fresno has determined that a Finding of No Possibility that the project will have impacts on the environment pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines is appropriate for the proposed text amendment. Given that the proposed text amendment will only modify application processing, compliance requirements, and operations of these existing establishments, the revisions will not result in a change to the physical environment. Individual establishments that require a new or renewed ABC CUP are subject to CEQA review at the time of application submittal.

It has been determined that the subject application falls within the purview of Section 15061 (b) (3) and is, therefore, exempt from CEQA.

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