

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**CITY OF FRESNO
Environmental Assessment**

Applicant: City of Fresno
Fresno Fire Department
911 H Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: An ordinance of the City of Fresno adopting the 2019 California Fire Code as amended and contained in the City of Fresno Building Code.


Exempt Status: The project is not subject to the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act.

Reason for Exempt Status: The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from having to comply with the requirements of CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 5061(b)(3) which states: "CEQA only applies 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."

This exemption is applicable as the State of California has preempted the field related to fire standards and has already adopted the California Fire Code to go into effect on January 1, 2020, regardless of the City's action. There is no possibility the City's activity in adopting the 2019 California Fire Code will have a significant effect on the environment.

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