

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. P20-01891**

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.

APPLICANT: Rajdeep Sandhu,
Paramveer Food & Fuel, Inc.
4395 West Ashlan Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

PROJECT LOCATION: 4395 West Ashlan Avenue; located on the southeast corner of
West Ashlan and North Blythe Avenues (APN: 511-240-01)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conditional Use Permit Application No. P20-01891 was filed by
Rajdeep Sandhu of Paramveer Food & Fuel, Inc., and pertains
to ±1.28 acres of property. The project proposes requests
authorization to upgrade a California Alcoholic Beverage Control
(ABC) Type 20 alcohol license to a Type 21 alcohol license
which authorizes the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for
consumption off the premises where sold.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project 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 existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The existing service station and alcohol use were approved via Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-99-184. The original conditional use permit authorized the construction of a ±3,372 square-foot, 20-foot high convenience store, a 1,976 square-foot fueling canopy with four (4) fueling stations, a carwash, on-site and off-site improvements on approximately 1.28 acres of land. Additionally the application approved the applicant to establish an ABC Type 20 alcohol license which authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption off the premises where sold.

The proposed alcohol sales upgrade from a Type 20 (package store – sale of beer and wine for consumption of the premises where sold) license to a Type 21 (package store – sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption off the premises where sold) license will not expand the existing service station with a convenience store use.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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