

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT "D" 44-05302025-081
066-25

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept.
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

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Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FILE NO.: PP2025-8519

Project Title: Grocery Outlet

Project Location - Specific: 1000 Main Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit (#PP2025-8519) to allow Grocery Outlet to change an existing ABC Type 20 license to an ABC Type 21 License for the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Steve Rawlings, 26023 Jefferson Street, Suite D, Murrieta, CA 92562

Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption. The project is proposing changing an existing ABC Type 20 License to an ABC Type 21 License for the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for Grocery Outlet (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), which involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Orbach

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  **Date:** 05/07/25 **Title :** Assistant CDD Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code