

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.

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County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #25-0011 (Environmental Review #25-0018)

Project Applicant: Sair Lara

Project Location (Specific): 521 West Main Street **APN:** 031-141-021

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Operate a pub for on-site alcohol consumption

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sair Lara (applicant) for Michael McCutcheon Trustee (property owner)

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));
- ☒ X Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: 15301a
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____.
- ☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project consists of minor interior and exterior alterations, and a request to serve alcohol, which are considered to be exempt under the CEQA Guidelines per Section 15301 (a).

Lead Agency: City of Merced

Contact Person: Matthew Livingston **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 388-7350

Signature: _____ **Date:** June 27, 2025

Title: Assistant Planner

 X Signed by Lead Agency **Date Received for Filing at OPR:** n/a
(If applicable)

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code