

# ATTACHMENT C

## CEQA FINDINGS

### Finding #1.

The project (Rezone No. 17-05) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because 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 implementation of these zoning text amendments ensures consistency of the zoning code with the direction and intent of the General Plan. The text and its language within the Tehama County Zoning Code establishes processes, requirements, standards and conditions for permitted development, as well as conditionally permitted development, both of which promote and protect the public health, environment, safety, peace, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare in Tehama County. Therefore, the Zoning Code clean-up and clarification of the General Provisions Chapter can be seen with certainty that there that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

## PROJECT FINDINGS

### Finding #2.

Proposed Rezone No. 17-05 is consistent with the 2009-2029 Tehama County General Plan; specifically General Plan Economic Development Element Implementation Measure ED-3.4c it is important to periodically review the Zoning Ordinance, which means that text amendments may be necessary from time to time. Zoning is one of the primary means of implementing a general plan. The zoning code text amendments included in this Ordinance will help clean-up and clarify various portions of the code that are unclear, obsolete, or inaccurate. Easy to read and understand language in the zoning code will lead to a more efficient, effective and consistent operation within the Planning Department. The clarification of contradictory statements in the zoning code will also lead to orderly development in the County, which is an objective and guiding principal of the 2009-2029 General Plan Update.

### Finding #3.

Certain Text Amendments with in the Ordinance have been revised as required by AB 2299 and SB 1069, which were adopted by the State Legislature and became effective as of January 1, 2017. The new Law changes the legal name of a second residence to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and can apply in all residential, agriculture and Natural resource zoning districts. This ordinance complies with AB 229 and SB 1069 along with other State Legislative requirements regarding Zoning and General Plan consistency.

### Finding #4.

Proposed Rezone No. 17-05 will provide for the orderly development of the County, which will promotion and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Tehama County. This is because the success of a general plan, and in particular the land use element, rests in part upon the effectiveness of a consistent zoning ordinance in translating the long-term objectives and policies contained in the plan into everyday decisions. The day-to-day obligation is based on established processes, requirements, standards and conditions for permitted development, as well as conditionally permitted development, which promote and protect the public health, safety,

peace, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare of neighborhoods and places within the unincorporated area of the County.

**Finding #5.**

The Board of Supervisors voted 5:0 to adopted Resolution 2017-106 directing the Planning Department to commence with the initiation of text amendments to the Tehama County Zoning Ordinance that will clean-up and clarify various portions of the code that are unclear, obsolete, or inaccurate on October 31, 2017. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed zoning code text amendments in the Ordinance and has heard testimony on the matter. The proposed text amendments have been determined to be consistent with the General Plan and will further the goals, objectives and policies of the plan by identifying allowable uses, and setting standards to implement the 2009-2029 Tehama County General Plan.