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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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From: (Public Agency) Inyo County Planning Department
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Project Title: Zone Reclassification No. 2012-05 (ZR 2012-05) (Inyo County) - Home Occupations and Cottage Food Operations.

Project Location - Specific: County-wide

Project Location - City: County-wide

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the project ZR 2012-05 on December 18th, 2012 to allow Cottage Food Operations, per the California Home Foods Act AB1616, as Home Occupations in Residential zoning designations. ZR 2012-05 also updates the Home Occupation description to provide the same allowances for all Home Occupations as those for Cottage Food Operations and it updates all Residential Zoning and Open Space districts to allow for Home Occupations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical (Sec. 21084; 15301);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: The Zone reclassification will allow Cottage Food Operations as Home Occupations in Residential areas. This use has no potential to directly impact the environment, and is therefore not subject to CEQA per the "General Rule" [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)] and, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), projects subsequent to this proposal fall into the Categorical Exemption Class 1 Existing Facilities (15301). 15301 Existing Facilities Class 1 states: "Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical feature, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. . . . The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use."

Lead Agency: Inyo County

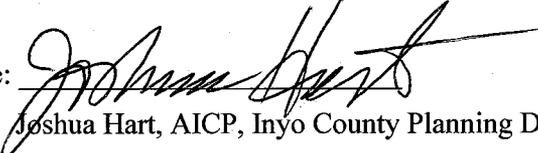
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If filed by applicant:

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: 12-19-12
Joshua Hart, AICP, Inyo County Planning Director

Date received for filing at OPR:

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