

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _____
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:
City of Garden Grove
P. O. Box 3070
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92842



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Orange County Clerk Recorder
County Administration South Building
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title: Site Plan No. SP-157-2025 (REV. 2026)

Project Location - Specific: On the east side of Western Avenue and north of Lampson Avenue, at 12122 Western Avenue.

Project Location - City: Garden Grove Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Project: A request to modify the approved plans and conditions of approval under Site Plan No. SP-157-2025 to maintain the existing vehicular access to a driveway approach previously approved to be modified for egress-only on a site improved with an existing restaurant, In-N-Out Burger. Site Plan No. SP-157-2025 approved the construction of a freestanding outdoor dining patio structure and included demolition of an adjacent vacant restaurant to accommodate additional drive-thru vehicle queuing and parking spaces, along with approval of Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-036-2025 to remove an existing lot line to consolidate the lots. The site is at 9032 and 9062 Trask Avenue in the PUD-107-96 (Planned Unit Development) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Garden Grove Planning Commission
Address: 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842

Name of Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: In-N-Out Burger, Inc.
Address: 13502 Hamburger Lane, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
Phone: (626) 813-5378 Email: pkulmaticki@innout.com

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- XX Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: Section No. 15303, 15305 –Existing Facility, New Construction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA's Class 1 exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and minor alterations of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of use. (CEQA Guidelines §15301.) The subject request to maintain the existing two-way vehicular access at a driveway approach previously approved for egress-only does not involve any physical expansion of the existing facilities. The subject request does not involve any new square footage, and the proposed construction only involves widening a drive approach and installing wayfinding signage. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA. (See CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) (exemption for "[e]xisting highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities . . . and other alterations . . . that do not create additional automobile lanes").)

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Martinez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 741-5315

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: Maria Pave Date: 4/20/26 Title: Planning Manager

Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: