

**Notice of Exemption**

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Project Title: Use Permit for Tattoo Body Art Studio Ancillary to Retail Art Gallery, Application No. PLN-24-13  
Project Applicant: Evan Gorman

Project Location  
621 1/2 First Street APN: 0089-115-130

Project Location - City: City of Benicia Project Location - County: Solano County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit to operate a tattoo body art studio as an ancillary use to a retail art gallery in an existing 474 square foot commercial tenant space at 621 1/2 First Street. The subject property is located in the Town Core (TC) zoning district of the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan (DMUMP) which permits body art services as an accessory use and requires Planning Commission Use Permit approval (DMUMP, p. 4-8). The primary retail use of the business is principally permitted in the TC zone, while the requested Use Permit would allow body art services as an accessory use of the proposed retail operation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Benicia

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planning Division

**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:** Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. **State code number:** #

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, which applies to the operation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed business would occupy an existing retail store front and would begin commercial operations pending Use Permit approval.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Hugo McMillan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 746-4276

Signature: *Hugo McMillan*

Date: June 17, 2024 Title: Assistant Planner

- 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.

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