CITY OF LOMPOC ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

A. PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Title:		Project No:	
Text Amendment		TA 06-02	
Lead Agency Name and Address:		Contact Person a	nd Phone Number:
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION:	1		
Planning Commission consideration of a	Text Amendm	ent to the City's Zo	oning Ordinance to add Article
9B - MU - Mixed Use District. If adopted	the Ordinance	e will be effective C	Citywide on properties with the
General Plan Land Use Designation of M			
Public Agencies with Approval Author	ority (Including	permits, funding,	or participation agreements):
City of Lompoc			
Project Applicant, Name and Address:		Project Consulta	nt:
City of Lompoc		N/A	
PO Box 8001			
Lompoc, CA 93436			
General Plan Designation:		City Zoning Design	gnation:
MU –Mixed Use District		Varied	
Surrounding Land Use Designation:			
North $- N/A$			
South – N/A			
East - N/A			
West - N/A			
Surrounding Land Uses:			
North – N/A			
South – N/A			
East - N/A			
West - N/A			
Environmental Setting:			
The areas affected are within the City lim	its		
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENT		TFD:	
The environmental factors checked below			this project involving at least
one impact that is a "Potentially Significant			
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[] Aesthetics	[] Agricultur	e Resources [] Air Quality
[] Biological Resources	[] Cultural R	esources [] Geology / Soils
[] Hazards & Hazardous Materials	[] Hydrology	/ / Water Quality [] Land Use / Planning
[] Mineral Resources	[] Noise	[] Population / Housing
[]Public Services	[] Recreatio	n [] Transportation / Traffic
[]Utilities / Service Systems	[] Mandator	y Findings of Signif	icance

B. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Identify the potential for significant adverse impacts below. Note mitigation measures, if available, for significant adverse impacts.

I. AESTHETICS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				Х
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				Х
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				Х
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				Х

Comments:

a-d) Implementation of the proposed text amendment would not create changes impacting scenic vistas or resources or substantially degrading the existing visual character or quality of the City, as no development is proposed at this time and future development will be evaluated as proposed.

II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				Х
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				Х
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?				Х

Comments:

a-c) The proposed text amendment applies to an existing urbanized area, and will have no impact on agricultural lands and resources.

II AIR QUALITY Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				Х
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				Х
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				X
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				Х
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				Х

a-e) The proposed text amendment will not have an adverse impact on air quality since no development is proposed at this time. Mixed-Use development may have beneficial results, such as increasing proximity of residents to stores or work, which could result in a reduction in vehicle emissions below that which would occur with more segregated land uses.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				х
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				Х
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				x

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			Х
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?			Х

- a-e) The proposed text amendment will not have a substantial adverse effect on any species identified as a sensitive species in local or regional plans or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nor will the project affect federally protected wetlands, nor will the project affect migratory wildlife corridors, nor will the project affect biological resources, because the amendment affects sites that are in an urbanized area and are not identified in the Lompoc General Plan's "Biologically Significant Areas" Map.
- f) The text amendment applies to properties within an urbanized area. The City of Lompoc Biological Resources Study, prepared by Arthur D. Little in February 1987, identifies no biological resources that will be impacted by the mixed-use development of these sites.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				Х
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				Х
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				Х
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				Х

- a-b) The proposed text amendment will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource, as identified in Section 15064.5, because the subject sites are not identified in the City of Lompoc Cultural Resource Study as having a historical or archaeological resource on the site and standard Conditions of Approval will be placed on any future development.
- c) The proposed text amendment will not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature. The subject sites are not identified on the "Archeological Sensitivity Zones" Map located in the City of Lompoc General Plan adopted October 1997.
- d) The proposed text amendment will not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries. The subject sites are not identified on the "Archeological Sensitivity Zones" Map located in the City of Lompoc General Plan adopted October 1997.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
 a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: I) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area, or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. 				X
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				Х
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				Х
iv) Landslides?				Х
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				Х
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				Х
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18- 1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				Х
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				Х

a-e) The proposed text amendment will not have an impact on the geologic and seismic risk level of persons and property in the City. The proposed text amendment does not propose any development at this time, therefore, there are no impacts.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				Х
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				Х

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				Х
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				х
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				х
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				Х
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				Х
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				Х

a-h) The proposed text amendment would have no impact on the amount or nature of hazardous materials in the City, nor would it impact applicable emergency plans or response because no development is proposed at this time.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				Х
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				Х
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				Х

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site.				Х
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				Х
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				Х
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				Х
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				Х
Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				Х
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				Х

a-j) The proposed text amendment will not have an impact on hydrology or water quality. The proposed text amendment does not propose any development at this time, therefore, there are no impacts.

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				Χ
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				Х
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				Х

- a) The proposed text amendment will not physically divide an established community as the subject sites are in an urbanized area.
- b) The proposed text amendment will not conflict with any applicable land use plan or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. The proposed text amendment would create development standards for the Mixed Use Zone in the Zoning Ordinance,

amend the Zoning Map for the identified properties, and create consistency with the existing General Plan Land Use Designation of Mixed Use (MU).

c) There is not a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan, which applies to the subject sites, therefore, there will be no conflict with such a plan.

X MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?			Х
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?			Х

Comments:

a-b) The proposed text amendment will not have an impact on the mineral resources of the City. The proposed text amendment does not propose changes that would result in a loss of availability of a known mineral resource as identified in the "Mineral Resources" Map in the Lompoc General Plan, adopted October 1997 because no development is proposed at this time.

XI. NOISE Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				Х
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				Х
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				Х
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				Х
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				Х
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				Х

- a-d) Implementation of the proposed text amendment will not have an adverse impact on noise conditions. Future projects will be reviewed individually to ensure that they will not expose persons to, or generate, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or expose persons to excessive ground borne noise levels.
- e-f) The subject sites are not located within an airport land use plan or within the vicinity of a private air strip.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads and other infrastructure)?				Х
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				х
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				Х

a-c) Implementation of the proposed text amendment will facilitate more efficient and compact urban form consistent with the General Plan and will not induce substantial growth. The proposed text amendment will not displace substantial numbers of existing housing units, as the new zoning designation will allow residential units to be developed above commercial uses. Implementation of the proposed text amendment will not expand the availability of electrical, water or wastewater service beyond the existing service area and therefore, will not induce significant growth at this time. No homes will be removed, there will be no net loss of residential units, and no people will be displaced due to this action because no development is proposed at this time.

XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				×
b) Fire Protection?				Х
c) Police protection?				Х
d) Schools?				Х
e) Parks?				Х
f) Other public facilities?				Х

Comments:

a-f) Implementation of the proposed text amendment will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of or need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for Fire, Police, Schools, Parks, or other public services, because the proposed sites are currently within an urbanized area which is already adequately served by City services. Future development will be evaluated independently as proposed.

XIV. RECREATION Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				Х
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				Х

a-b) Implementation of the proposed text amendment should have no effect on the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities, as future development will be evaluated as proposed.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e. result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				Х
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				Х
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				Х
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g. sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment)?				Х
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				Х
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				Х
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				Х

Comments

a-g) The proposed text amendment will not have an adverse impact on the operation of streets or area traffic levels. The proposed text amendment will not impact air traffic patterns, nor does it propose changes that would impact emergency access. The proposed text amendment does not create any adverse impacts on traffic/circulation and the increased residential proximity to stores and work may reduce vehicle travel since no development is proposed.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Central Coast Region of the Regional Water Quality Control Board?				Х
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				Х
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				Х
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				Х

- a-c) The proposed text amendment will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Central Coast Region of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, nor will the text amendment require the construction of new water, wastewater, or storm water facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects. The subject sites are located within an existing urbanized area and the water, wastewater, and storm water facilities are adequate to service new development. The General Plan Land Use Designation for the site is Mixed Use, and the sites have been intended for mixed-use development.
- d-g) The project sites are located within the City of Lompoc city limits and were studied as part of the General Plan EIR update in October 1997 as infill sites. The City has sufficient resources to service the sites with water, wastewater, and solid waste services. There is no development proposed at this time and each infill project will be evaluated as they are submitted.

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE Does the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X
b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				Х
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				Х

DETERM	IINATION:
On the ba	asis of this initial evaluation:
Х	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions to the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Lucille T. Breese, AICP City Planner

Date

CITY OF LOMPOC NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Text Amendment – TA 06-02

Title:

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended to date, a Negative Declaration is hereby made on the following project:

Location:	Citywide
Description:	Planning Commission consideration of a Text Amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance to add Article 9B - MU - Mixed Use District. If adopted, the Ordinance will be effective Citywide on properties with the General Plan Land Use Designation of Mixed Use. A Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
The Planning Division	n of the City of Lompoc has determined that:
X There are no	significant adverse environmental impacts created by this project.
	significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this project if the following tigation measures are met.
March 16, 2006	
Date	Lucille T. Breese, AICP, City Planner
	for Planning Division