



## WHO MAY PREPARE PLANS FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY OF CHICO

### UNLICENSED PERSONS

If a design is within substantial compliance with the conventional framing requirements for wood framed construction found in the Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations table of limitations for wood frame construction and Chapter 23 of the 2007 California Building Code, the California Business and Professions Code section 5537 permits an unlicensed person may prepare plans, drawings or specifications for the following:

- Single-family dwellings of wood frame construction not more than two stories and a basement in height
- Multiple dwellings containing not more than two dwelling units of wood frame construction, not more than two stories and a basement in height
- Garages or other structures appurtenant to single family dwellings, of wood frame construction, not more than two stories and a basement in height
- Non-structural interior alterations or additions including the installation of fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, appliances, or equipment
- Small agricultural and ranch buildings of wood frame construction
- May not design alterations that will change or affect any components of the structural system or safety of the building or its occupants.

### LICENSED PERSONS

The California Business and Professions Code section 5538 requires plans prepared for the following works, except as specifically noted above, shall be deemed as affecting the safety of a building or its occupants and shall be stamped and signed by a registered engineer or architect:

- New commercial buildings, additions to existing commercial buildings
- Projects with mixed occupancies
- Projects with interior or exterior structural alterations and alteration with walls and partitions over 5 feet 9 inches in height or ceiling work which cover a floor area greater than 3,000 square feet for Groups B, S-1, S-2 or M occupancies
- Interior alterations with an occupancy change (when hazard is increased)
- Storage racks over 5' – 9" in height
- Assembly occupancies A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5

- Schools and daycare occupancies E
- Projects with F-1 and F-2 occupancies
- Hazardous occupancies H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5
- Hospital occupancies I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4
- Projects with R-1, R-2 and R-4 occupancies
- Projects with S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4 and S-5 occupancies
- Tanks and vessels
- Roof mounted equipment (exception for new units lighter than existing ones)
- Solar panels and their attachments
- Remodeling projects that create or alters 1-hr fire rated corridors, fire rated occupancy separations or area separation walls
- Alterations that change the means of egress (exit) requirements
- Lateral force resisting systems utilizing poles embedded in the ground
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems for non-exempt buildings
- Large suspended ceilings ( > 2,000 SF)
- Raised floors (Mezzanine etc.)
- Energy calculations only by appropriately licensed or registered persons
- FEMA Elevation Certificate by registered civil engineers or licensed surveyors only (architects' certifications must be based on survey of surveyors or CEs)
- Any project deemed by Building Official to require professional design by a California Registered Engineer or Architect.

#### WHAT REQUIRES STAMP, AND WET STAMP/SIGNATURE?

- At initial and all subsequent plan check submittals: Stamp or seal: may be original or copy (with expiration date of license): all sheets of plans, and cover sheet or first page of the calculations, specifications and reports
- At final submittal for permit: Wet stamp and wet signature on cover sheet of plans and cover sheet or first page of calculations, specifications and reports
- All other sheets of the final plan set to be stamped, original or copy, but not necessarily signed