



CITY OF CHICO OFFICIAL PLANNING DIRECTOR INTERPRETATION

Authority: **Chico Municipal Code Section 19.02.030 (Procedures for interpretations)**

Applicable Code Sections: **Section 19.18.030 (Review of Minor Projects)**


Discussion: Projects requiring site plan and architectural design review are defined by the municipal code as either “major” and “minor”. Minor projects do not require review and approval by the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board (ARHPB) and may be approved by the Director. Minor projects are those, which because of their limited size and scope, have minor aesthetic implications. This code section provides several examples of such projects, including but not limited to, the following:

- A. Alterations, repairs, and remodels that the Director determines to be of a minor nature, including signs;
- B. Additions to existing structures;
- C. Fences and walls;
- D. New construction on existing, partially developed parcels;
- E. Replacement-in-kind;
- F. Satellite dish antennas larger than 1 meter in diameter;
- G. Accessory residential units; and
- H. Signs.

Interpretation: To further streamline the architectural review process, the Director has determined that the following projects are also typically minor in nature, and may be approved by the Director as a general practice:

- Residential duplexes and triplexes that meet all applicable development standards;
- Projects within master planned areas which have adopted design guidelines; and
- Commercial projects, not located within 300 feet of a residential use, that meet all applicable development standards.

This Official Interpretation is effective immediately and will require an amendment to Title 19 Land Use and Development Regulations.



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