

FILMING IN CHICO & BUTTE COUNTY

Thank you for your interest in filming in the beautiful City of Chico and Butte County! With its historic architecture, beautiful parks, and friendly people, Chico and its surrounding areas offer numerous opportunities for spectacular photography and cinematography. Some of the famous movies filmed in Chico include the 1938 version of Robin Hood, portions of Gone With the Wind (1939), The Red Badge of Courage (1951), the Disney Channel's original movie Under Wraps, along with a variety of television shows, including "Stolen Innocence".

Filming on City Property (streets and public sidewalks): In general, as long as the filming doesn't cause an unsafe situation/distraction or block City public right-of-way, there would be no requirements other than notifying the City Manager's office of such work being conducted (the information needed would be the date/time, location and type of filming – it would need to be e-mailed to CMWeb@Chicoca.gov).

More extensive filming could require an encroachment and/or street closure permit. For information on how to obtain an encroachment permit or street closure permit, please call the City Public Works Department at **530-879-6900**. Road closure permits will also be routed through the Chico Police Department. For information call **530-897-4974**.

Filming on Private Property: Filming on private property would require the property owner's permission. In addition, a "temporary events" Use Permit, subject to Chico Municipal Code (CMC) section 19.22, may be required. Please call the City Planning Division at **530-879-6800** for more information or to determine if a permit is necessary.

Filming Involving Violence or Weapons: When weapons are being utilized while filming, or there are scenes involving violence, the Chico Police Department shall be notified to ensure public safety and minimize public concern. Please contact **530-897-5803**, and provide details on the location of the filming, and the types of simulated weapons or violence that will be utilized.

Filming Involving Drones: If utilizing drones, rules set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must be adhered to. Chico Police Department certified drone pilots can assist to ensure proper following of FAA rules. Please call **530-897-4974** to connect with certified Chico Police Department personnel.

Bidwell Park: Filming in Bidwell Park requires a special permit. Please call the City Parks Division at **530-896-7800** for more information.

Chico Regional Airport: Filming at Chico Regional Airport requires a use agreement and payment of a fee. For safety and security reasons Airport staff must escort the parties who are filming, and all Airport Rules and Regulations must be adhered to. Please call the Airport Manager's Office at **530-896-7216** for more information.

Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD): CARD maintains many of the parks located in Chico, including DeGarmo Park, Hooker Oak Park, and Wildwood Park as well as the Chico Creek Nature Center. Please call the CARD office at **530-895-4711** for CARD's filming requirements and more information.

County of Butte: Filming outside of the Chico city limits would be under the jurisdiction of Butte County. The County of Butte does not have a general filming permit required if you are on private property.

Filming, or placement of any traffic control devices or equipment in the public right-of-way requires an encroachment permit from the Public Works Department. Please contact Butte County Public Works at **530-538-7681** or download the application directly from the Public Works [website](#). The applicant can then submit it to PWpermits@ButteCounty.net.

Request for road closures **MUST** be approved by the Road Commissioner/Director of Public Works and requires a Parade Permit. Please contact Butte County Sheriff's Office to confirm whether a permit is required and/or additional information **at 530-538-7321**.