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CITY OF CHICO LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC FILING AND NO LONGER REQUIRES A PAPER COPY OF BUILDING PLAN SUBMITTALS

CHICO, CA — (Friday, October 21, 2022) - Starting immediately, the City of Chico will no longer require a paper copy with building plan submittals.

This change came about when City Manager Mark Sorensen, who was evaluating internal processes, uncovered that the Butte County Assessor's Office no longer requires a paper copy. "The only reason the city was holding on to this process to require a paper copy was because we thought the county required it. As it turns out, no one is requiring a hard copy anymore. We are immediately introducing an option for builders to upload plans electronically."

The city has created a link on the City's Building Division webpage specifically for uploading building plan submittals: <https://chico.ca.us/building-division>

While submitting building plans electronically with the City of Chico is now an option, it is not a requirement. The city will still accept paper copies of plans from those who wish to submit them.

"As we move towards all electronic submittals in the future, this is a great step forward for contractors and for our department. It will decrease applicant cost and is more time efficient and environmentally conscious." said Brendan Vieg, Community Development Director. "We can still accept paper copies of plans, but it's great to know we don't have to."

A 3-year building cycle comes to an end on December 30, 2022, which is a busy time for the city when it comes to volume of building plan submittals. "This is a great option for people who want to get their plans in before the end of the year, before the new 2022 California Building Code goes into effect." Vieg continued.

Katy Thoma, executive director of the Chico Builder's Association, is very excited about what the service will offer to local contractors. "The City of Chico's new electronic building plan filing is an added convenience for local contractors, we look forward to working with the Building Division as they rollout this new service."

For information on how and where to upload building plan submittals or for questions visit <https://chico.ca.us/building-division> or call 530-879-6700.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us