



CITY OF CHICO OFFICIAL PLANNING DIRECTOR INTERPRETATION

(Section 19.02.020 Procedures for interpretation of the Chico Municipal Code)

Applicable Code Section(s): **Section 19.04.020 Definitions of specialized terms and phrases, specifically Site Coverage.**

Interpretation: Site coverage regulations are designed to ensure that sufficient open space exists for the intended use of the property and to attain the environmental benefits associated with such open space. In calculating site coverage, a trellis or arbor is not considered site coverage if the structure is open on at least three sides and the top (as viewed from above) is at least 50% open. A water-permeable shade may be placed over the trellis or arbor without impacting the calculation of site coverage.

A trellis or arbor is an open vertical frame supporting open latticework, used as a screen or a support for growing vines or plants.

This Official Interpretation is effective immediately and **will not** require an amendment to Title 19 Land Use and Development Regulations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Seidler", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Seidler, Planning Director

Date: July 29, 2005

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Applicable project file