



CITY OF CHICO OFFICIAL PLANNING DIRECTOR INTERPRETATION

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

Applicable Code Sections: **Table 4-6 (Commercial Zoning Districts)**

Discussion: The referenced table identifies "Food Processing, small scale, 2,500 square feet or less" as being permissible in certain Commercial zoning districts. Small scale beverage production is not addressed in the Table, but is elsewhere defined by the Code in such a fashion as to prohibit such use in any commercial zoning district, irrespective of size. This creates an inconsistency in the Code wherein, for example, the small-scale canning of fruit may be permissible, but the small scale bottling of fruit juice is prohibited. Small-scale production of food and beverage products have substantially similar characteristics, and the indirect distinction made by the Code is illogical. Such distinction serves no clear purpose, and interferes with the City's General Plan and economic development goals.

Interpretation:

Pursuant to Section 19.02.020.E.1, it is hereby determined that small-scale (less than 2,500 square foot) beverage production is substantially similar to small-scale food production, and shall therefore be regulated in the same fashion. The Findings as required by this Code Section are hereby confirmed with respect to this determination.

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



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