

ORDINANCE NO. 2541

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO,
AMENDING TITLE 10 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”
OF THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Chico as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 10.10.030 – “Holidays” is amended to read as follows:

10.10.030 Holidays.

The term “holidays” shall mean: January 1, third Monday in January, third Monday in February, last Monday in May, July 4, first Monday in September, November 11, the Thursday in November appointed as Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day, December 24, and December 25.

10.10.060 Parking meter.

The term “parking meter” shall mean any device that accepts payment for the use of parking spaces. Such devices include, but are not limited to, parking meters, pay stations, and any software application that processes payments from a mobile device, for the purpose of controlling the period of time a parking meter space is occupied by any motorized vehicle.

10.10.070 Parking meter space.

The term “parking meter space” shall mean a parking space of sufficient size to permit the parking of one vehicle only within a parking meter zone.

10.10.080 Parking meter zone.

The term “parking meter zone” shall mean portions of public streets or parking lots upon which the parking of vehicles is controlled, regulated and inspected with the aid of timing devices or parking meters.

10.10.090 Parking time.

The term “parking time” shall mean the limitation upon the period of time during which a vehicle is permitted to park within a designated parking area pursuant to this title.

10.10.170 85% Parking occupancy rate.

The term “85% parking occupancy rate” shall mean approximately 85 percent of parking meter spaces are occupied within a block face or parking lot during the peak parking demand period

1 measured by dividing the number of occupied spaces by the number of publicly available spaces at
2 such block face or lot during such period, or as otherwise defined by the director. For the purpose of
3 this chapter, the peak parking demand period shall be between 12 PM and 1 PM on weekdays when
4 California State University of Chico is in regular sessions, unless a different peak parking demand
5 period is determined by the director based on an occupancy survey. Typically regular sessions for the
6 California State University of Chico are from the first week of January to mid-May and from the last
7 week of August to mid-December.

8 **10.20.015 Parking occupancy rate established.**

9 To accomplish the goal of managing the supply of parking, to make it reasonably available when
10 and where most needed, a target occupancy rate of eighty-five percent (85%) is hereby established
11 within parking meter zones.

12 When necessary, the director shall cause a survey or other method to determine the average
13 occupancy rate for each parking area. Based on this occupancy determination, the director may adjust
14 the parking meter zone hourly rate, time limit, and/or the hours of operation within those limits
15 specified under this title or otherwise established by the city council by resolution or ordinance, and
16 shall provide city council with any other feasible options for managing parking in these areas.

17 **10.20.020 Application and interpretation of parking regulations.**

18 The parking regulations adopted by or pursuant to this chapter shall apply at all times or during the
19 particular times specified in such regulations, except when it is necessary to stop, stand or park a
20 vehicle in order to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police
21 officer or traffic control device.

22 Any parking regulation adopted by or pursuant to this chapter which imposes a time limit on
23 standing, stopping or parking shall not relieve a person from the duty to observe other and more
24 restrictive provisions of this code or the Vehicle Code prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing
25 or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

26 **10.20.040 Posted parking zones - Parking prohibited.**

27 No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on any public street or other public property, or on any
28 portion of such street or other property which is designated as a no-parking zone by the city council,

1 the traffic committee, director or fire chief in the manner hereinbefore authorized by this title,
2 provided signs, pavement markings or other devices giving notice of such parking prohibition have
3 been posted or placed at or around the public street or other public property, or portion of the street or
4 property to which the prohibition applies.

5 **10.20.050 Posted parking zones - Time restrictions.**

6 No person shall stand or park a vehicle on or within a public street or parking lot, including any
7 portion of such street or parking lot within a parking meter zone, in excess of any applicable time
8 limits established by the city council, the traffic committee or director in the manner hereinbefore
9 authorized by this title, provided signs, pavement markings or other devices giving notice of such
10 parking restrictions have been posted or placed at or around the public street, public parking lot or
11 other public property or portion of the street, parking lot or other property to which the restriction
12 applies.

- 13 a) On-street parking on a city street. A vehicle will be deemed to have been stopped, parked or
14 left standing for longer than the posted time limit, if it has not been moved out of the block
15 face following the expiration of the posted time limit in a timed parking zone. A “block face”
16 consists of the legal parking spaces on both sides of the street on a block in which the vehicle
17 is parked, bounded by an intersection at each end. A vehicle may not re-park in the same
18 block face sooner than two hours following the expiration of the initial time period.
- 19 b) Off-street parking in a city-owned/leased parking lot or structure. A vehicle will be deemed to
20 have been stopped, parked or left standing for longer than the posted time limit, if it has not
21 been moved out of the parking lot or structure following the expiration of the posted time
22 limit in a timed parking zone.

23 **10.25 PARKING METERS**

24 **10.25.010 Purpose.**

25 The provisions of this chapter shall govern the parking of vehicles on any portion of a public street
26 or parking lot in the city designated as a metered zone. However, the provisions of this chapter shall
27 not be construed to allow parking in a metered zone in violation of any other provision of this title.

28 **10.25.015 Parking meter zones.**

1 Parking meter zones shall be established by ordinance of the city council upon such streets,
 2 portions of streets or in municipal parking lots within the city as the city council may deem necessary
 3 for traffic or parking control purposes. The director shall cause parking meters to be installed and
 4 maintained in such designated parking meter zones and the existence of a parking meter installed as
 5 hereinafter prescribed shall designate its location as a parking meter zone for the purposes of this
 6 chapter. Parking meter zones are hereby established and are described as follows:

7 **Approved Parking Meter Zones:**

Zone	Street / Lot	from	to
1a	1 st St.	Salem St.	Wall St.
1b	1 st St.	Wall St.	Flume St.
2a	2 nd St.	Normal Ave.	Wall St.
2b	2 nd St.	Wall St.	Flume St.
3a	3 rd St.	Normal Ave.	Wall St.
3b	3 rd St.	Wall St.	Flume St.
4a	4 th St.	Normal Ave.	Main St.
4b	4 th St.	Main St.	Flume St.
5	5 th St.	Normal Ave.	Flume St.
6	6 th St.	Normal Ave.	Flume St.
7	7 th St.	Normal Ave.	Flume St.
8	8 th St.	Normal Ave.	Flume St.
9	9 th St.	Normal Ave.	Flume St.
10a	Normal Ave.	2 nd St.	4 th St.
10b	Normal Ave.	5 th St.	9 th St.
11a	Salem St.	1 st St.	4 th St.
11b	Salem St.	4 th St.	9 th St.
12a	Broadway St.	1 st St.	4 th St.
12b	Broadway St.	4 th St.	9 th St.
13a	Main St.	1 st St.	4 th St.
13b	Main St.	4 th St.	9 th St.
14a	Wall St.	1 st St.	3 rd St.
14b	Wall St.	3 rd St.	4 th St.
14c	Wall St.	5 th St.	9 th St.
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18	Lot 4		
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21	1 st St.	Cedar St.	Ivy St.
22	2 nd St.	Orange St.	Cherry St.
23	3 rd St.	Orange St.	Cherry St.
24	4 th St.	Orange St.	Cherry St.
25	Orange St.	1 st St.	4 th St.
26	Cherry St.	1 st St.	3 rd St.
27	2 nd St.	Hazel St.	Chestnut St.
28	3 rd St.	Hazel St.	Normal Ave
29	4 th St.	Hazel St.	Chestnut St.
30	Hazel St.	2 nd St.	3 rd St.
31	Chestnut St.	2 nd St.	4 th St.
32	1 st St.	Flume St.	Orient St.
33	Orient St.	1 st St.	3 rd St.
34	3 rd St.	Flume St.	Orient St.
35	Esplanade	Memorial Way	Frances Willard Ave.
36	Lincoln Ave.	Citrus Ave.	Esplanade
37	Citrus Ave.	Lincoln Ave.	Legion Ave.
38	Legion Ave.	Warner St.	Citrus Ave.

10.25.020 Parking meter rates.

Parking meters, when installed, shall be adjusted so that legal parking time is registered and accumulated on such meters in the units of time and monetary rates initially established by resolution of the city council and thereafter adjusted by the director or city council from time to time in accordance with this section. No parking meter shall be adjusted to register and accumulate any period of time in excess of the maximum parking time limit designated by appropriate signage in the area of the parking meter zone in which the meter is installed.

A. The city council hereby establishes a range of acceptable hourly paid parking rates for parking meter zones as no less than \$0.00 and no more than \$5.00 per hour, Monday through Saturday, nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. to nine o'clock (9:00) P.M., except for holidays. Parking rates shall become

1 effective upon the programming of the parking meter for that rate. The current schedule of meter
2 rates shall be available on the City's Fee Schedule.

3 B. The director is authorized to adjust hourly parking meter rates in increments of \$0.25 at a time,
4 and by a maximum of \$0.50 total, per calendar year, within the established range of rates. The
5 director is further authorized to adjust the hours of operation and parking time limits of a parking
6 meter zone. All rate adjustments and adjustments to the hours of operation shall be determined by
7 conducting an occupancy survey of the parking meter zone in accordance with section 10.25.015.C.
8 All parking meter rates heretofore shall be and remain in effect, unless otherwise set or adjusted by
9 the director or city council.

10 **10.25.030 Deposits required during hours of meter operation.**

11 During the hours specified for meter operation by action of the city council, no person shall
12 park any vehicle in any parking space in a parking meter zone, except as otherwise permitted by
13 this chapter, without immediately initiating a paid parking session by purchasing parking time
14 using an approved method of payment at a parking meter.

15 **10.25.070 Installation, servicing, maintenance and repair of parking meters.**

16 The public works director shall be responsible for the installation, servicing, maintenance and
17 repair of all parking meters.

18 **10.25.080 Parking limits in metered parking spaces.**

19 No person, except as otherwise provided in this title, shall permit any vehicle to remain parked in
20 any parking meter space during any time when the parking meter regulating the space indicates that
21 no portion remains of the period for which the last amounts had been deposited, or beyond the time
22 limit for parking in such space as otherwise provided in this title.

23 **10.25.090 Use of slugs - Prohibited.**

24 No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any slugs or other counterfeit
25 payment in place of the amounts required to operate the parking meter.

26 This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following its adoption.

27 THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED by the city council of the City of Chico
28 at its meeting held on November 19, 2019, by the following vote:

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AYES: Huber, Morgan, Ory, Brown, Stone


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None


DISQUALIFIED: Reynolds, Schwab

ATTEST:



Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Vincent C. Ewing, City Attorney*
*Pursuant to The Charter of the City of Chico,
Section 906(E)