

ORDINANCE NO. 2542

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO
AMENDING CHAPTER 9.55 TO THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CITY
CODE REGARDING PROHIBITION ON PRICE GOUGING DURING
AND FOLLOWING A DECLARED EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Camp Fire of November 2018 destroyed over 153,336 acres and burned over 18,700 structures in Butte County, resulting in a large displacement of residents from the Town of Paradise and other surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 2522 on November 16, 2018 prohibiting price during a declared emergency, and adopted Ordinance No. 2527 on May 7, 2019 extending price gouging through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to continue prohibiting price gouging through December 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Chico does hereby adopt the following ordinance extending the duration of Chapter 9.55 Prohibition of Price Gouging:

Section 1. The Section 9.55.010 “Findings” is hereby amended as follows:

9.55.010 Findings.

The city council finds as follows:

A. – H. [No changes]

I. The City Council intends to extend the applicability of this Ordinance until December 31, 2020, or until such later date as established by a declaration of a state of emergency regarding the Camp Fire.

Section 2. The Section 9.55.060 “Term of Ordinance” is hereby amended as follows:

9.55.060 Term of Ordinance.

A. [No changes]

1 B. For purposes of the Camp Fire, emergency declaration period is hereby
2 established to extend until December 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the
3 City Council, or until such later date as established by a declaration of a state of
4 emergency regarding the Camp Fire.

5 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after approval by
6 the City Council.

7 **Section 4. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this
8 Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

9 THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was adopted by the City Council of the City of Chico,
10 California at its City Council meeting held this November 26, 2019, by the following votes
11 to wit:

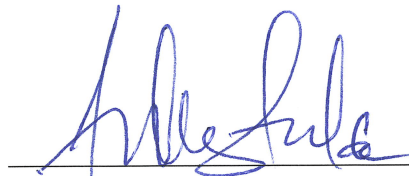
12 AYES: Huber, Morgan, Ory, Reynolds, Schwab, Brown, Stone
13 NOES: None
14 ABSENT: None
15 ABSTAIN: None
16 DISQUALIFIED: None

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18 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk



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24 Vincent C. Ewing, City Attorney*

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28 *Pursuant to The Charter of the City of Chico, Section 906(E)