

**ORDINANCE NO. 2575**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO TO ADJUST THE CURRENT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.30.250 AND CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 21601**

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2020, the City of Chico transitioned from an at-large election system to electing its Councilmembers using a by-district election system; and

WHEREAS, in a by-district election system, a candidate for City Council must live in the district which he or she wishes to represent, and only the voters of that district are entitled to vote to decide who their representative will be; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21601, the City Council must adjust the boundaries of any or all of the districts following each decennial federal census so that the districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable and in compliance with all applicable provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, any adjustment of district boundaries shall be made by ordinance adopted by the City Council before the first day of November of the year following the year in which each decennial federal census is taken commencing with the 2020 federal census; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the deadline for the City to submit its adjusted district boundary map to Butte County is April 17, 2022 pursuant to Elections Code section 21622(a)(3); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and by this reference made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2.** Adjusting District Boundaries. Pursuant to Elections Code section 21601 and the Chico Municipal Code section 1.30.250, the district map adopted and established in February 2020 shall be adjusted by the City Council, no later than April 17, 2022, to be as nearly equal in population as practicable and in compliance with all applicable laws.

**SECTION 3.** Map Adoption. A final map of the adjusted City Council district boundaries shall be adopted and established by the City Council by resolution pursuant to Elections Code

1 section 21601(e) and 21621(f). The final boundary map shall be submitted to Butte County no later  
2 than April 17, 2022 pursuant to Elections Code section 21622(a)(3).

3 **SECTION 4.** Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council  
4 finds that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
5 pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable  
6 indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined  
7 in section 15378) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter  
8 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or  
9 indirectly.

10 **SECTION 5.** Severability. If any section, subsection, line, sentence, clause, phrase, or  
11 word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, either facially or as  
12 applied, by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the  
13 validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Chico hereby  
14 declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each and every individual section,  
15 subsection, line, sentence, clause, phrase, or word without regard to any such decision.


16 **SECTION 6.** Effective Date. The Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after adoption by  
17 the City Council.

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

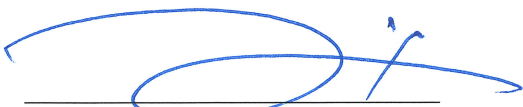
20 **THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE** was adopted by the City Council of the City of Chico  
21 at its duly noticed meeting held on April 5, 2022, by the following vote:

22 AYES: Morgan, O'Brien, Tandon, Reynolds, Coolidge  
23 NOES: Bennett, Brown  
24 ABSENT: None  
25 ABSTAINED: None  
26 DISQUALIFIED: None

27 **ATTEST:**

28   
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)