



1 **Section 1.** Section 16.66.040(A) of the Chico Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 ***16.66.040 Exemptions.***

4 The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter:

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6 A. Cemetery, public school, university, city property, and the Chico Area Recreation and  
7 Park District; and

8 B. Tree work performed by public utilities in public utility easements or public rights of  
9 way.

10 **Section 2. CEQA.** The City Council hereby finds that this ordinance is not a project within the  
11 meaning of Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting  
12 in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical  
13 change in the environment. This ordinance simply amends the list of entities exempt from the  
14 City's Tree Preservation Regulations; it does not authorize any specific development activity. Each  
15 CARD project will continue to be subject to independent CEQA review.

16 **Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this  
17 ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of  
18 competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this  
19 ordinance.

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after the second  
21 reading and adoption.

22 **Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance or a summary thereof  
23 in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days  
24 after its passage.

25 INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

26 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 17th day of  
27 March, 2026, by the following vote:

28 AYES: **Goldstein, Hawley, O'Brien, van Overbeek, Winslow, Bennett, Reynolds**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAINED: **None**

DISQUALIFIED: **None**

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**ATTEST:**

  
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Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk & Elections Official

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Ryan Jones (Feb 24, 2026 19:02:55 EST)

Ryan R. Jones, City Attorney\*

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