ORDINANCE NO. 2537

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AMENDING TITLE 15 “WATER AND SEWERS” AND ADDING CHAPTER 15.60 TITLED “COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION” TO TITLE 15 OF THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 passed in 2002 established the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program as an option to create greater competition, reliable power, power portfolio options, and transparency in the energy wholesale market; and

WHEREAS, a CCA allows cities and counties to aggregate the electricity buying power (electrical load) of residential, commercial, and municipal customers within their jurisdiction to purchase power on the whole sale market to meet their community electricity needs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Butte and the City of Chico ( Agencies) have been working together to establish a CCA for Butte County; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies are in the process of entering into an Agreement to form the Butte Choice Energy Joint Powers Authority pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Section 6500 et seq.) of the California Government Code related to the joint exercise of powers among public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Code section 366.2 (c) (12) requires an ordinance from each member agency authorizing the implementation of a CCA for their respective jurisdiction.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose.
The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation program called “Butte Choice Energy”, as required by California Public Utilities Code section 366.2 (c) (12).
SECTION 2. That the title of Title 15 of the Chico Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Title 15 WATER AND SEWERS UTILITY SERVICES”

SECTION 3. That Chapter 15.60 entitled “COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION” is added to Title 15 of the Chico Municipal Code as follows:

“Chapter 15.60 - COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

15.60.010 - Authorization to Implement Community Choice Aggregation Program
In order to provide businesses and residents within City of Chico city limits with a choice of power providers, the City of Chico hereby elects to implement a community choice aggregation program within the jurisdiction of the City of Chico city limits by participating in the Community Choice Aggregation Program of Butte Choice Energy.”

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after adoption by the City Council.

SECTION 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

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THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was adopted by the City Council of the City of Chico, California at its City Council meeting held on October 1, 2019, by the following votes:

AYES: Huber, Morgan, Ory, Reynolds, Schwab, Brown, Stone

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFIED: None

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)