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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CITY OF CHICO TEMPORARILY EXPANDS OUTSIDE COMMERCE FOR NON-FOOD BUSINESSES

(Chico, CA – July 27, 2020 –) In order to assist local businesses impacted by State Public Health Orders, the City of Chico has issued an emergency order temporarily expanding outdoor commerce for non-food businesses on private property.

This new order will allow businesses to utilize additional outdoor areas for commerce, including private sidewalks (non-public right of way), parking lots, recreation space, and other space on private property that is conducive to such operations. To apply, eligible businesses must complete a Temporary Use for COVID-19 (Outdoor Service) application. No fee will be required for this application.

These expansion areas must be adjacent to the existing non-food business and may occupy up to 100% of the square footage of usable floor space of the business' building, but may not occupy more than 50% of the available parking area on site. Such use must be in compliance with ADA regulations, and cannot eliminate any ADA parking spaces. Businesses must operate during their regular operating hours.

Businesses wishing to use public common areas including sidewalks, streets, parking lots, recreation space, and other public spaces may apply through the City's Public Works Department under a separate application.

"Continuing to find practical ways to encourage commerce in these times of COVID-19 is proving to be challenging, however, the City remains committed to finding ways to help our local businesses and this Order should serve to do just that," said Mark Orme, City of Chico City Manager.

Any structures, paths of travel, and safety features must comply with applicable Federal, State, and/or local codes and are subject to approval and inspection by the City. The City shall have the right to immediately suspend the operation of Temporary Use for COVID-19 (Outdoor Service) due to failure to abide by applicable standards, conditions, and guidelines.

To apply for Temporary Use to use a business's private space, businesses may contact the City of Chico Planning Division of the Community Development Department at (530) 879-6800. To apply for use of public space, businesses may contact the City of Chico Public Works Department at (530) 879-6900.

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