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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

## **DOWNTOWN PARKING METER ENFORCEMENT ON HOLD**

**(Chico, CA –January 19, 2023)** The City of Chico was notified by the public on January 18, 2023, that several of the parking meters in the downtown area were failing to accept credit card payment. City staff quickly evaluated the situation and came to the conclusion that 281 of the 404 meters in the downtown core were no longer able to process credit card transactions.

The City was aware that downtown meters were nearing the end of their useful life, and therefore has been working to implement a new parking kiosk system. Construction on the new system will be ongoing for the next two to four weeks dependent on weather and availability of supplies.

In the meantime, to address the existing failing meters, the City has made the decision that beginning today, January 19, 2023, there will be no enforcement of downtown meters from Salem to Wall Street and 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets in the downtown core. Enforcement of the downtown core will be on hold until the new system is fully installed and operational.

The City will inform the public of the exact startup for enforcement and provide additional information on the new kiosk parking meter system in a future media alert.

For media inquiries, please contact Public Works – Engineering at (530) 879-6900.

*Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit [www.chico.ca.us](http://www.chico.ca.us)*

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