

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY)”, LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT PERTAINING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AND TRUST AGREEMENT, AND A PURCHASE CONTRACT; COMPLYING WITH THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS ON FILE WITH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council (the *City Council*) of the City of Laredo, Texas (the *City* or the *Issuer*) has heretofore issued, sold, and delivered, and there are currently outstanding obligations in the aggregate original principal amount of \$48,040,000, being the obligations set forth on Schedule I hereto which is incorporated by reference for all purposes to this ordinance (the *Refunded Obligations*); and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to issue an aggregate principal amount of \$_____ in general obligation refunding bonds the proceeds of which will be utilized to provide for (i) refunding a portion of the City’s outstanding obligations as further identified in Schedule I hereto for debt service savings, and (ii) paying the costs related to the issuance of the refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code (*Chapter 1207*), the City Council is authorized to issue refunding bonds and deposit the proceeds of sale under an escrow agreement to provide for the payment of the Refunded Obligations, and such deposit, when made in accordance with the Chapter 1207, shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207 permits that the deposit of the proceeds from the sale of the refunding bonds be deposited directly with any designated escrow agent which is not the depository bank of the City; and

WHEREAS, when firm banking arrangements have been made for the payment of principal of and interest to the stated maturity or redemption dates of the Refunded Obligations, then the Refunded Obligations shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment from the funds provided for such purpose and may not be included in or

considered to be an indebtedness of the City for the purpose of a limitation on outstanding indebtedness or taxation or for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., currently serves as the paying agents for the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., _____, is hereby appointed as the Paying Agent and the Escrow Agent (hereinafter defined) for the Bonds (hereafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the City Council also hereby finds and determines that the Refunded Obligations are scheduled to mature or are subject to being redeemed, not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the general obligation refunding bonds herein authorized and being issued to restructure the City's debt service and associated tax rates in the coming years, and such refunding will result in a net present value savings of \$ _____ (or ____%), and a gross savings of \$ _____; and

WHEREAS, the City is an "Issuer" under Section 1371.001(4)(A), Texas Government Code (together with Chapter 1207, the *Act*), being a home-rule municipality that: (i) adopted its charter under Section 5, Article XI, Texas Constitution; (ii) has a population of 50,000 or more; and (iii) has outstanding long-term indebtedness that is rated by a nationally recognized rating agency for municipal securities in one of the four highest rating categories for a long-term obligation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Obligations is in the best interests of the residents of the City, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Authorization - Designation - Principal Amount - Purpose. General obligation refunding bonds of the City shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of _____ AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$ _____), to be designated and bear the title of "CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY)" (the *Bonds*), for the purpose of providing funds for the (i) discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations for debt service savings, and (ii) payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, all in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, particularly the Act, this ordinance adopted by the City Council on September 15, 2025, and the City's Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2. Fully Registered Obligations - Authorized Denominations - Stated Maturities - Interest Rates - Dated Date. The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered obligations, without coupons, shall be dated October 1, 2025 (the *Dated Date*), and shall generally be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and the Bonds shall be lettered "R" and numbered consecutively from One (1) upward, and principal shall become due and payable on February 15 in each of the years and in principal amounts (the *Stated Maturities*) and bear interest on the unpaid

principal amounts from the Closing Date, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, to the earlier of redemption or Stated Maturity, at the per annum rates, while Outstanding, in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amounts (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rates (%)</u>
2026		
2027		
2028		
2029		
2030		
2031		
2032		
2033		
2034		
2035		

The Bonds shall bear interest on the unpaid principal amounts from the Closing Date (currently scheduled for November 20, 2025), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, to Stated Maturity or prior redemption, while Outstanding, at the rates per annum shown in the above schedule (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months). Interest on the Bonds shall be payable on February 15 and August 15 in each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 15, 2026 while the Bonds are Outstanding.

SECTION 3. Payment of Bonds - Paying Agent/Registrar.

The principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds, due and payable by reason of Stated Maturity, redemption, or otherwise, shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and such payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be without exchange or collection charges to the Holder (as hereinafter defined) of the Bonds.

The selection and appointment of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., _____ (the *Paying Agent/Registrar*) to serve as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is hereby approved and confirmed, and the City agrees and covenants to cause to be kept and maintained at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar books and records (the *Security Register*) for the registration, payment, and transfer of the Bonds, all as provided herein, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, attached, in substantially final form, as Exhibit A hereto, and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City may prescribe. The City covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times while the Bonds are Outstanding, and any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be (i) a national or state banking institution or (ii) an association or a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers. Such Paying Agent/Registrar shall be

subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority and authorized by law to serve as a Paying Agent/Registrar.

The City reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent/Registrar upon providing the previous Paying Agent/Registrar with a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance terminating such agency. Additionally, the City agrees to promptly cause a written notice of this substitution to be sent to each Holder of the Bonds by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, due and payable by reason of Stated Maturity, or otherwise, shall be payable only to the registered owner of the Bonds appearing on the Security Register (the *Holder* or *Holders*) maintained on behalf of the City by the Paying Agent/Registrar as hereinafter provided (i) on the Record Date (hereinafter defined) for purposes of payment of interest on the Bonds, (ii) on the date of surrender of the Bonds for purposes of receiving payment of principal thereof at the Bonds' Stated Maturity, and (iii) on any other date for any other purpose. The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, shall treat the Holder as the owner of a Bond for purposes of receiving payment and all other purposes whatsoever, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar at its corporate trust office. Interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Holder whose name appears in the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date for the Bonds (the *Record Date*) and shall be paid (i) by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, by the Paying Agent/Registrar, to the address of the Holder appearing in the Security Register or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested in writing by the Holder at the Holder's risk and expense.

If the date for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a day. The payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date any such payment on the Bonds was due.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a *Special Record Date*) will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the *Special Payment Date* - which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder of a Bond appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

SECTION 4. Redemption.

A. [Mandatory Redemption of Term Bonds. The Bonds stated to mature on March 1, 20__ and March 1, 20__ are referred to herein as the “Term Bonds”. The Term Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to their stated maturities from money required to be deposited in the Bond Fund for such purpose and shall be redeemed in part, by lot or other customary method, at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption in the following principal amounts on March 1 in each of the years as set forth below:

Term Bonds Stated to Mature on Feb. 15, 20__		Term Bonds Stated to Mature on Feb. 15, 20__	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>
20__		20__	
20__		20__	
20__ *		20__ *	

* Stated Maturity

The principal amount of a Term Bond required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the Issuer, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds of such Stated Maturity which, at least 50 days prior to the mandatory redemption date (1) shall have been defeased or acquired by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the Issuer with money in the Bond Fund, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions set forth below and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.]

B. Optional Redemption of Bonds. [The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to Stated Maturity] or [The Bonds maturity on February 15, 20__ shall be subject to redemption prior to Stated Maturity, at the option of the City, on February 15, 20__ or on any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if within a Stated Maturity selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

C. Exercise of Redemption Option. At least forty-five (45) days prior to a date set for the redemption of the Bonds (unless a shorter notification period shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar), the City shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of its decision to exercise the right to redeem the Bonds, the principal amount of each Stated Maturity to be redeemed, and the date set for the redemption thereof. The decision of the City to exercise the right to redeem the Bonds shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of the City.

C. Selection of Bonds for Redemption. If less than all Outstanding Bonds of the same Stated Maturity are to be redeemed on a redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select at random and by lot the Bonds to be redeemed, provided that if less than the entire principal amount of a Bond is to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall treat such Bond then subject to redemption as representing the number of Bonds Outstanding which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000.

D. Notice of Redemption. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date for the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, in the name of the City and at the City's expense, by the Paying Agent/Registrar to each Holder of a Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address of the Holder appearing on the Security Register at the time such notice of redemption is mailed, and any notice of redemption so mailed shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given irrespective of whether received by the Holder. This notice may also be published once in a financial publication, journal, or reporter of general circulation among securities dealers in the City of New York, New York (including, but not limited to, *The Bond Buyer* and *The Wall Street Journal*), or in the State of Texas (including, but not limited to *The Texas Bond Reporter*).

All notices of redemption shall (i) specify the date of redemption for the Bonds, (ii) identify the Bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of a portion of the principal amount to be redeemed, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, (iii) state the redemption price, (iv) state that the Bonds, or the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall become due and payable on the redemption date specified, and the interest thereon, or on the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, and (v) specify that payment of the redemption price for the Bonds, or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, shall be made at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof by the Holder.

If a Bond is subject by its terms to redemption and has been called for redemption and notice of redemption thereof has been duly given or waived as hereinabove provided, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) so called for redemption shall become due and payable, and if money sufficient for the payment of such Bonds (or of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) at the then applicable redemption price is held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, then on the redemption date designated in such notice, interest on the Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) called for redemption shall cease to accrue and such Bonds shall not be deemed to be Outstanding.]

E. Transfer/Exchange of Bonds. Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required (i) to transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for redemption of the Bonds, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bond selected for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance of a Bond which is subject to redemption in part.

SECTION 5. Execution - Registration. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by its Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem under the seal of the City reproduced or impressed thereon and attested by its City Secretary. The signature of any of said officers on the Bonds may be manual,

electronic, or facsimile. Bonds bearing the manual, electronic, or facsimile signatures of individuals who were, at the time of the Dated Date, the proper officers of the City shall bind the City, notwithstanding that such individuals or either of them shall cease to hold such offices prior to the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers (hereinafter defined), all as authorized and provided in Chapter 1201, as amended, Texas Government Code.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond either a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 8C, executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas or his duly authorized agent by manual, facsimile, or electronic signature, or a certificate of registration substantially in the form provided in Section 8D, executed by the Paying Agent/Registrar by manual, facsimile, or electronic signature, and either such certificate upon any Bond shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Bond has been duly certified or registered and delivered.

SECTION 6. Registration - Transfer - Exchange of Bonds - Predecessor Bonds. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall obtain, record, and maintain in the Security Register the name and address of every owner of the Bonds, or, if appropriate, the nominee thereof. Any Bond may, in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, be transferred or exchanged for Bonds of other authorized denominations upon the Security Register by the Holder, in person or by his duly authorized agent, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder or by his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, the City shall execute and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of authorized denomination and having the same Stated Maturity and of a like interest rate and aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for transfer.

At the option of the Holder, Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of authorized denominations and having the same Stated Maturity, bearing the same rate of interest and of like aggregate principal amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the City shall execute, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, the Bonds to the Holder requesting the exchange.

All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be delivered at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or be sent by registered mail to the Holder at his request, risk, and expense, and upon the delivery thereof, the same shall be the valid and binding obligations of the City, evidencing the same obligation to pay, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Bonds surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

All transfers or exchanges of Bonds pursuant to this Section shall be made without expense or service charge to the Holder, except as otherwise herein provided, and except that the Paying Agent/Registrar shall require payment by the Holder requesting such transfer or exchange of any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

Bonds canceled by reason of an exchange or transfer pursuant to the provisions hereof are hereby defined to be Predecessor Bonds, evidencing all or a portion, as the case may be, of the same debt evidenced by the new Bond or Bonds registered and delivered in the exchange or transfer therefor. Additionally, the term Predecessor Bonds shall include any Bond registered and delivered pursuant to Section 17 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond which shall be deemed to evidence the same obligation as the mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Bond.

SECTION 7. Initial Bond. The Bonds herein authorized shall be initially issued as either a single fully registered Bond in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____ with principal installments to become due and payable as provided in Section 2 hereof and numbered T-1, or (ii) as one (1) fully registered Bond for each year of Stated Maturity in the applicable principal amount and denomination and to be numbered consecutively from T-1 and upward (the *Initial Bond*), and the Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of the Purchasers or the designee thereof. The Initial Bond shall be the Bonds submitted to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval, certified and registered by the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and delivered to the Purchasers. Any time after the delivery of the Initial Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to written instructions from the Purchasers, or the designee thereof, shall cancel the Initial Bond delivered hereunder and exchange therefor definitive Bonds of like kind and of authorized denominations, Stated Maturities, principal amounts bearing applicable interest rates, and shall be lettered "R" and numbered consecutively from one (1) upward for transfer and delivery to the Holders named at the addresses identified therefor; all pursuant to and in accordance with such written instructions from the Purchasers, or the designee thereof, and such other information and documentation as the Paying Agent/Registrar may reasonably require.

SECTION 8. Forms.

A. Forms Generally. The Bonds, the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Registration Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar, and the form of Assignment to be printed on each of the Bonds shall be substantially in the forms set forth in this Section with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance and may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification (including insurance legends in the event the Bonds, or any Stated Maturities thereof, are insured and identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends and endorsements (including insurance legends and any reproduction of an opinion of Bond Counsel (hereinafter referenced)) thereon as may, consistent herewith, be established by the City or determined by the officers executing the Bonds as evidenced by their execution thereof. Any portion of the text of any Bond may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Bond.

The definitive Bonds shall be printed, lithographed, or engraved, produced by any combination of these methods, or produced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing the Bonds as evidenced by their execution thereof, but the Initial Bond submitted to the Attorney General of Texas may be typewritten or photocopied or otherwise reproduced.

B. Form of Definitive Bond.

REGISTERED
NO. R-____

REGISTERED PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT
\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB
CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY)

Dated Date:

Interest Rate:

Stated Maturity:

CUSIP No.:

October 1, 2025

REGISTERED OWNER: _____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT _____

The City of Laredo, Texas (the *City*), a body corporate and a municipal corporation in the County of Webb, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the order of the Registered Owner specified above, or the registered assigns thereof, on the Stated Maturity date specified above (or so much as shall not have been paid upon prior redemption), the Principal Amount specified above and to pay interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) on the unpaid Principal Amount hereof from the Closing Date (currently scheduled for November 20, 2025), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, to Stated Maturity, while Outstanding, at the per annum rate of interest specified above; such interest being payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 15, 2026.

Principal and premium, if any, on this Bond shall be payable to the Registered Owner hereof (the *Holder*), upon presentation and surrender at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar executing the registration certificate appearing hereon or a successor thereof. Interest shall be payable to the Holder of this Bond (or one or more Predecessor Bonds, as defined in the Ordinance hereinafter referenced) whose name appears on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, which is the last business day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date. All payments of principal of, and interest on this Bond shall be in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holder hereof at the address appearing in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by the Holder hereof at the Holder's risk and expense. This Bond is one of the series specified in its title issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$ _____ (the *Bonds*) pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of the City (the *Ordinance*), for the purpose of providing

funds for the (i) discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations for debt service savings, and (ii) payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, under and in strict conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code, and the City's Home Rule Charter.

[As specified in the Ordinance, the Bonds stated to mature on February 15, 20__ and February 15 15, 20__ are referred to herein as the "Term Bonds". The Term Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to their stated maturities from money required to be deposited in the Bond Fund for such purpose and shall be redeemed in part, by lot or other customary method, at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption in the following principal amounts on March 1 in each of the years as set forth below:

Term Bonds Stated to Mature on Feb. 15, 20__		Term Bonds Stated to Mature on Feb. 15, 20__	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount (\$)</u>
20__		20__	
20__		20__	
20__		20__	

* Stated Maturity

The principal amount of a Term Bond required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the Issuer, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds of such Stated Maturity which, at least 50 days prior to the mandatory redemption date (1) shall have been defeased or acquired by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the Issuer with money in the Bond Fund, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions set forth below and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.]

[As stated in the Ordinance, the Bonds stated to mature on and after February 15, 20__ may be redeemed prior to their Stated Maturities, at the option of the Issuer, on February 15, 20__, or on any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and if within a Stated Maturity selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar) at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; provided, however, that at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice shall be sent to the Holder of the Bonds to be redeemed by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, and subject to the terms and provisions relating thereto contained in the Ordinance. If this Bond is subject to redemption prior to Stated Maturity and is in a denomination in excess of \$5,000, portions of the principal sum hereof in installments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof may be redeemed and, if less than all of the principal sum hereof is to be redeemed, there shall be issued, without charge therefor, to the Holder hereof, upon the surrender of this Bond to the Paying

Agent/Registrar at its corporate trust office, a new Bond or Bonds of like Stated Maturity and interest rate in any authorized denominations provided in the Ordinance for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum hereof.

If this Bond (or any portion of the principal sum hereof) shall have been duly called for redemption and notice of such redemption has been duly given, then upon such redemption date this Bond (or the portion of the principal sum hereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable, and, if money for the payment of the redemption price and the interest accrued on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption is held for the purpose of such payment by the Paying Agent/Registrar, interest shall cease to accrue and be payable hereon from and after the redemption date on the principal amount hereof to be redeemed. If this Bond is called for redemption, in whole or in part, the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to issue, transfer, or exchange this Bond within forty-five (45) days of the date fixed for redemption; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Holder of the unredeemed balance hereof in the event of its redemption in part.]

//OR//

[This Bond is not subject to redemption prior to stated maturity.]

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, a copy of which is on file in the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and to all of the provisions of which the Holder by his acceptance hereof hereby assents, for definitions of terms; the description of and the nature and extent of the tax levied for the payment of the Bonds; the terms and conditions relating to the transfer or exchange of the Bonds; the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the Holders; the rights, duties, and obligations of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar; the terms and provisions upon which this Bond may be discharged at or prior to the Stated Maturity thereof, and deemed to be no longer Outstanding thereunder; and for the other terms and provisions specified in the Ordinance. Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the same meanings assigned in the Ordinance.

This Bond, subject to certain limitations contained in the Ordinance, may be transferred on the Security Register upon presentation and surrender at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof, or his duly authorized agent, and thereupon one or more new fully registered Bonds of the same Stated Maturity, of authorized denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, and of the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any agent of either, shall treat the Holder hereof whose name appears on the Security Register (i) on the Record Date as the owner hereof for purposes of receiving payment of interest hereon, (ii) on the date of surrender of this Bond as the owner hereof for purposes of receiving payment of principal hereof at its Stated Maturity and on any other date as the owner hereof for all other purposes, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any such agent of either, shall be affected by notice to the contrary. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a *Special Record Date*) will be established by the

Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the *Special Payment Date* - which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing on the Security Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

It is hereby certified, covenanted, and represented that all acts, conditions, and things required to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to the issuance of this Bond in order to render the same a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the City have been performed, exist, and have been done, in regular and due time, form, and manner, as required by the laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinance, and that the issuance of the Bonds does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation; and that due provision has been made for the payment of the principal of, premium if any, and interest on the Bonds by the levy of a tax as aforesated. In case any provision in this Bond or any application thereof shall be deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The terms and provisions of this Bond and the Ordinance shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Bond to be duly executed under its official seal.

CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

(CITY SEAL)

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C. *Form of Registration Certificate of Comptroller of Public Accounts to Appear on Initial Bond Only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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REGISTER NO. _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Bond has been examined, certified as to validity and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and duly registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

WITNESS my signature and seal of office this _____

Acting Comptroller of Public Accounts
of the State of Texas

(SEAL)

* Note to Printer: Not to Print on Definitive Bonds

D. Form of Registration Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar to Appear on Definitive Bonds Only.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF PAYING
AGENT/REGISTRAR

This Bond has been duly issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Ordinance; the Bond or Bonds of the above-entitled and designated series originally delivered having been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, as shown by the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Registered this date:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON
TRUST COMPANY, N.A., _____,
as Paying Agent/Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signature

E. Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto (Print
or typewrite name, address, and zip code of transferee):

(Social Security or other identifying number):

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints
_____ attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration
thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

DATED _____

NOTICE: The signature on this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Bond in every particular.

Signature guaranteed:

F. The Initial Bond shall be in the form set forth in paragraph B of this Section, except that the form of the single fully registered Initial Bond shall be modified as follows:

- (i) immediately under the name of the Bond the headings "Interest Rate" and "Stated Maturity" shall both be completed "as shown below";
- (ii) the first two paragraphs shall read as follows:

The City of Laredo, Texas (the *City*), a body corporate and municipal corporation in the County of Webb, State of Texas, for value received, acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the order of the Registered Owner named above, or the registered assigns thereof, the Principal Amount specified above stated to mature on the 15th day of February in each of the years and in principal amounts and bearing interest at per annum rates in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amounts (\$)</u>	<u>Interest Rates (%)</u>
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(Information to be inserted from schedule in Section 2 hereof.)

and to pay interest on the unpaid Principal Amount hereof from the Closing Date (currently scheduled for November 20, 2025), or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, to Stated Maturity, while Outstanding, at the per annum rates of interest specified above computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; such interest being payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year (each, an *Interest Payment Date*), commencing February 15, 2026.

Principal of this Bond shall be payable to the Registered Owner hereof (the *Holder*), upon its presentation and surrender to Stated Maturity, while Outstanding, at the corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., _____ (the *Paying Agent/Registrar*) (provided, however, with respect to principal payments prior to the final Stated Maturity, the Bonds need not be surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, who will merely document this payment on an internal ledger maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar). Interest shall be payable to the Holder of this Bond whose name appears on the Security Register maintained by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, which is the fifteenth day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date. All payments of principal of and interest on this Bond shall be in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check sent on or prior to the appropriate date of payment by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holder hereof at the address appearing in the Security Register or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Holder hereof.

G. Insurance Legend. If bond insurance is obtained by the City or the Purchasers for the Bonds, the Definitive Bonds and the Initial Bond shall bear an appropriate legend as provided by the insurer.

SECTION 9. Definitions. For all purposes of this Ordinance (as defined below), except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires: (i) the terms defined in this Section have the meanings assigned to them in this Section, and certain terms used in Sections 21 and 37 of this Ordinance have the meanings assigned to them in such Sections, and all such terms include the plural as well as the singular; (ii) all references in this Ordinance to designated “Sections” and other subdivisions are to the designated Sections and other subdivisions of this Ordinance as originally adopted; and (iii) the words “herein”, “hereof”, and “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Ordinance as a whole and not to any particular Section or other subdivision.

A. The term *Authorized Officials* shall mean the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Secretary, or the Finance Director, or any person serving in an interim or acting capacity in the indicated position.

B. The term *Bond Fund* shall mean the special fund created and established by the provisions of Section 10 of this Ordinance.

C. The term *Bonds* shall mean the \$ _____ “CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY)” authorized by this Ordinance.

D. The term *City* shall mean City of Laredo, located in the County of Webb, Texas and, where appropriate, the City Council of the City.

E. The term *Closing Date* shall mean the date of physical delivery of the Initial Bond in exchange for the payment in full by the Purchasers.

F. The term *Debt Service Requirements* shall mean, as of any particular date of computation, with respect to any obligations and with respect to any period, the aggregate of the amounts to be paid or set aside by the City as of such date or in such period for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest (to the extent not capitalized) on such obligations; assuming, in the case of obligations without a fixed numerical rate, that such obligations bear interest at the maximum rate permitted by the terms thereof and further assuming in the case of obligations required to be redeemed or prepaid as to principal prior to Stated Maturity, the principal amounts thereof will be redeemed prior to Stated Maturity in accordance with the mandatory redemption provisions, if any, applicable thereto.

G. The term *Depository* shall mean an official depository bank of the City.

H. The term *Defeasance Securities*, as used herein, shall mean (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America; (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; and (iv) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by the laws of the State of Texas as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds.

I. The term *Holder* or *Holder*s shall mean the registered owner, whose name appears in the Security Register, for any Bond.

J. The term *Interest Payment Date* shall mean the date interest is payable on the Bonds, being February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2026, while any of the Bonds remain Outstanding.

K. The term *Ordinance* shall mean this ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City on September 15, 2025.

L. The term *Outstanding* when used in this Ordinance with respect to Bonds shall mean, as of the date of determination, all Bonds issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

(1) those Bonds canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar or delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation;

(2) those Bonds for which payment has been duly provided by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of this Ordinance; and

(3) those Bonds that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen and replacement Bonds have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof as provided in Section 17 of this Ordinance.

M. The term *Purchasers* shall mean the initial purchasers of the Bonds named in Section 18 of this Ordinance.

N. The term Refunding Candidates shall mean:

(1) “City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014”, dated October 1, 2014, in the original amount of \$5,600,000;

(2) “City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015”, dated September 1, 2015, in the original amount of \$19,765,000;

(3) “City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015”, dated April 15, 2015, in the original amount of \$64,740,000;

(4) “City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016”, dated February 15, 2016, in the original amount of \$54,545,000; and

(5) “City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016A”, dated August 15, 2016, in the original amount of \$22,610,000.

Any other outstanding general or special obligation of the City hereinafter identified and selected by an Authorized Official as a candidate presenting an opportunity advantageous to the City and its residents.

O. The term *Stated Maturity* shall mean the annual principal payments of the Bonds payable on February 15 of each year, as set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Bond Fund; Investments. For the purpose of paying the interest on and to provide a sinking fund for the payment, redemption, and retirement of the Bonds, there shall be and is hereby created a special fund to be designated "CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY) INTEREST AND SINKING FUND" (the *Bond Fund*), which fund shall be kept and maintained at the Depository, and money deposited in such fund shall be used for no other purpose and shall be maintained as provided in Section 21. Authorized Officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make withdrawals from the Bond Fund sufficient to pay the purchase price or amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable and shall cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar from money on deposit in the Bond Fund an amount sufficient to pay the amount of principal and/or interest stated to mature on the Bonds, such transfer of funds to the Paying Agent/Registrar to be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar on or before the business day next preceding each interest and principal payment date for the Bonds.

Pending the transfer of funds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, money deposited in any fund created and established pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, at the option of the City, may be placed in time deposits, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment contracts, or similar contractual agreements as permitted by the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, secured (to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) by obligations of the type hereinafter described, or be invested, as authorized by any law, including investments held in book-entry form, in securities including, but not limited to, direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed or insured by the United States of America, which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, are backed by its full faith and credit or represent its general obligations, or invested in indirect obligations of the United States of America, including, but not limited to, evidences of indebtedness issued, insured or guaranteed by such governmental agencies as the Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Home Loan Banks, Government National Mortgage Association, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, Small Business Administration, or Federal Housing Association; provided that all such deposits and investments shall be made in such a manner that the money required to be expended from such fund will be available at the proper time or times. All interest and income derived from deposits and investments in such fund shall be credited to, and any losses debited to, such fund. All such investments shall be sold promptly when necessary to prevent any default in connection with the Bonds.

SECTION 11. Tax Levy. To provide for the payment of the Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds being (i) the interest on the Bonds and (ii) a sinking fund for their redemption at Stated Maturity or a sinking fund of 2% (whichever amount shall be the greater), there shall be and there is hereby levied for the current year and each succeeding year thereafter while the Bonds or any interest thereon shall remain Outstanding, a sufficient tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, on each one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in the City, adequate to pay such Debt Service Requirements, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection; said tax shall be assessed and collected each year and applied to the payment of the Debt Service Requirements, and the same shall not be diverted to any other purpose. The taxes so levied and collected shall be paid into the Bond Fund and are thereafter pledged to the payment of the Bonds. The City Council hereby declares its purpose and intent to provide and levy a tax legally and fully

sufficient to pay such Debt Service Requirements, it having been determined that the existing and available taxing authority of the City for such purpose is adequate to permit a legally sufficient tax in consideration of all other outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of the City.

SECTION 12. Deposits to Bond Fund; Surplus Bond Proceeds. The City hereby covenants and agrees to cause to be deposited in the Bond Fund prior to a principal and interest payment date for the Bonds, from the annual levy of an ad valorem tax or from other lawfully available funds, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly each installment of interest and principal of the Promises as the same accrues or matures or comes due by reason of Stated Maturity.

Any taxes collected pertaining to the Refunded Obligations, after the Closing Date, shall be deposited to the Bond Fund. In addition, any surplus proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, including investment income thereon, not expended for authorized purposes shall be deposited in the Bond Fund, and such amounts so deposited shall reduce the sums otherwise required to be deposited in said fund from ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 13. Security of Funds. All money on deposit in the funds for which this Ordinance makes provision (except any portion thereof as may be at any time properly invested as provided herein) shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of the State of Texas for the security of public funds, and money on deposit in such funds shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. Remedies in Event of Default. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the City covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the City (a) defaults in the payments to be made to the Bond Fund or (b) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in this Ordinance, the Holders of any of the Bonds shall be entitled to seek a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction compelling and requiring the governing body of the City and other officers of the City to observe and perform any covenant, condition, or obligation prescribed in this Ordinance.

No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The specific remedies herein provided shall be cumulative of all other existing remedies and the specification of such remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

SECTION 15. Notices to Holders; Waiver. Wherever this Ordinance provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Holder appearing in the Security Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the mailing of such notice.

In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Holders, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Holders. Where this Ordinance provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Holder entitled to receive such notice, either

before or after the event with respect to which such notice is given, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Paying Agent/Registrar, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 16. Cancellation. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the City, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The City may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation any Bonds previously certified or registered and delivered which the City may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be destroyed as directed by the City.

SECTION 17. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Bond, and (2) there is delivered to the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the City shall execute and, upon its request, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same Stated Maturity and interest rate and of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the City in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond.

Upon the issuance of any new Bond or payment in lieu thereof, under this Section, the City may require payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses and charges (including attorney's fees and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent/Registrar) connected therewith.

Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the City, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds.

SECTION 18. Sale of Bonds at a Negotiated Sale – Authorization of the Purchase Contract - Approval of the Official Statement - Use of Proceeds. The Bonds authorized by this Ordinance are hereby sold by the Issuer to ***BofA Securities, Inc.*** as the authorized representative of a group of underwriters at a negotiated sale (the *Purchasers*, having all the rights, benefits, and obligations of a Holder) in accordance with the provisions of a Purchase Contract (the *Purchase Contract*),

dated September 15, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, at the price of par, plus a [net] reoffering premium of \$_____, less the Purchasers' compensation of \$_____) and no accrued interest to the date of initial delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers is hereby approved and confirmed. The Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of **BofA Securities, Inc.** The pricing and terms of the sale of the Bonds are hereby found and determined to be the most advantageous reasonably obtainable by the Issuer. Any Authorized Official is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Purchase Contract for and on behalf of the Issuer and as the act and deed of the City Council, and in regard to the approval and execution of the Purchase Contract, the City Council hereby finds, determines and declares that the representations, warranties, and agreements of the Issuer contained in the Purchase Contract are true and correct in all material respects and shall be honored and performed by the Issuer. Delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers shall occur as soon as practicable after the adoption of this Ordinance, upon payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract.

Furthermore, the Issuer hereby ratifies, confirms, and approves in all respects (i) the Issuer's prior determination that the Preliminary Official Statement was, as of its date, "deemed final" in accordance with the Rule (hereinafter defined), and (ii) the use and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement by the Purchasers in connection with the public offering and sale of the Bonds. The final Official Statement, being a modification and amendment of the Preliminary Official Statement to reflect the terms of sale, referenced in the Purchase Contract (together with such changes approved by a Pricing Officer), shall be and is hereby in all respects approved, and the Purchasers are hereby authorized to use and distribute the final Official Statement, dated _____, 2025, in the reoffering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the public. The Mayor and City Secretary of the Issuer are further authorized and directed to manually execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Issuer copies of the Official Statement in final form as may be required by the Purchasers, and such final Official Statement in the form and content manually executed by said officials shall be deemed to be approved by the Governing Body and constitute the Official Statement authorized for distribution and use by the Purchasers. The proper officials of the Issuer are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a certificate pertaining to such Official Statement as prescribed therein, dated as of the date of payment for and delivery of the Bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be applied as follows:

A. The Issuer received a [net] reoffering premium from the sale of the Bonds of \$_____, which is hereby allocated by the Issuer in the following manner: (i) \$_____ shall be used to pay costs of issuance and contingency amount; (ii) \$_____ shall be used to pay the Underwriters' discount; and (iii) \$_____ shall be deposited into the hereinafter defined Escrow Fund to provide for the refunding of the Refunded Obligations as described in subsection B below.

B. \$_____ (representing \$_____ of principal and \$_____ of the [net] reoffering premium allocated to the refunding of the Refunded Obligations as described in subsection A above) shall be deposited and expended pursuant to the Agreement (hereinafter defined).

SECTION 19. Escrow and Trust Agreement, Approval and Execution, Proceeds of Sale, Contribution by the City. The Escrow and Trust Agreement dated as of September 15, 2025 to be effective upon the initial delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers (the *Escrow Agreement*) between the City and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., _____ (the *Escrow Agent*), attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Ordinance for all purposes, is hereby approved as to form and content, and such Escrow Agreement in substantially the form and substance attached hereto, together with such changes or revisions as may be necessary to accomplish the refunding or benefit the City, is hereby authorized to be executed by an Authorized Official on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this City Council; and such Escrow Agreement as executed by said officials shall be deemed approved by the City Council and constitute the Escrow Agreement herein approved.

Furthermore, any Authorized Official and Bond Counsel in cooperation with the Escrow Agent are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the Escrowed Securities referenced in the Escrow Agreement and the initial delivery thereof to the Escrow Agent on the day of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers for deposit to the credit of the "CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (FORWARD DELIVERY) ESCROW FUND" (the *Escrow Fund*), including the execution of the subscription forms for the purchase and issuance of the "United States Treasury Securities - State and Local Government Series", if any, for deposit to the Escrow Fund; all as contemplated and provided by the provisions of the Act, this Ordinance, and the Escrow Agreement.

Immediately following the delivery of the Bonds, the proceeds of sale thereof, along with a cash contribution, if any, from the City (less certain costs of issuance and accrued interest received from the Purchasers of the Bonds), shall be deposited with the Escrow Agent for application and disbursement in accordance with the provisions of the Escrow Agreement. The proceeds of sale of the Bonds not so deposited with the Escrow Agent for the refunding of the Refunded Obligations shall be disbursed for payment of costs of issuance and deposited with the place of payment of the Refunded Obligations in an account in the name of the City and applied for the purposes of providing for the payment of the costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith or deposited in the Bond Fund for the Bonds, all in accordance with written instructions from any Authorized Official.

SECTION 20. Redemption of Refunded Obligations. The Refunded Obligations referenced in the preamble hereof become subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities at the price of par, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Mayor or City Secretary shall give written notice to the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations and the Escrow Agent that the Refunded Obligations have been called for redemption, and the City Council orders that such obligations are called for redemption on the date set forth on Schedule I attached to this Ordinance, and such order to redeem the Refunded Obligations on such date shall be irrevocable upon the delivery of the Bonds. A copy of the notice of redemption pertaining to the Refunded Obligations is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit D and is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The paying agent for the Refunded Obligations is authorized and instructed to provide the notice of this redemption to the holders of the Refunded Obligations in the form and manner described in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations.

SECTION 21. Covenants to Maintain Tax-Exempt Status.

(a) Covenants. The Issuer covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Bonds as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code*), the interest on which is not includable in the “gross income” of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the Issuer covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any “private business use,” as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds or the projects financed therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the Issuer, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Ordinance or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Bonds, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the “private business use” described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is used for a “private business use” which is “related” and not “disproportionate,” within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

(3) to take any action to assure that no amount which is greater than the lesser of \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) is directly or indirectly used to finance loans to persons, other than state or local governmental units, in contravention of section 141(c) of the Code;

(4) to refrain from taking any action which would otherwise result in the Bonds being treated as “private activity bonds” within the meaning of section 141(b) of the Code;

(5) to refrain from taking any action that would result in the Bonds being “federally guaranteed” within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code;

(6) to refrain from using any portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, directly or indirectly, to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire investment property (as defined in section 148(b)(2) of the Code) which produces a materially higher yield over the term of the Bonds, other than investment property acquired with --

(A) proceeds of the Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of 3 years or less or, in the case of a refunding bond, for a period of 90 days or less until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the bonds are issued,

(B) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of section 1.148-1(b) of the Treasury Regulations, and

(C) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds;

(7) to otherwise restrict the use of the proceeds of the Bonds or amounts treated as proceeds of the Bonds, as may be necessary, so that the Bonds do not otherwise contravene the requirements of section 148 of the Code (relating to arbitrage);

(8) to refrain from using the proceeds of the Bonds or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Bonds in contravention of the requirements of section 149(d) of the Code (relating to advance refundings);

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Bonds) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the “Excess Earnings,” within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Bonds have been paid in full, 100 percent of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code; and

(10) to establish reasonable expectations to prevent using the proceeds of the Bonds in contravention of the requirements of section 149(g) of the Code (relating to hedge bonds).

(b) Rebate Fund. In order to facilitate compliance with the above covenant (8), a “Rebate Fund” is hereby established by the Issuer for the sole benefit of the United States of America, and such fund shall not be subject to the claim of any other person, including without limitation the bondholders. The Rebate Fund is established for the additional purpose of compliance with section 148 of the Code.

(c) Proceeds. The Issuer understands that the term “proceeds” includes “disposition proceeds” as defined in the Treasury Regulations and, in the case of refunding bonds, transferred proceeds (if any) and proceeds of the refunded bonds expended prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds and any replacement funds. It is the understanding of the Issuer that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Bonds, the Issuer will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Bonds, the Issuer agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the Issuer hereby authorizes and directs any member of the City Council and any Authorized Official to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the Issuer,

which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Bonds.

(d) Allocation Of, and Limitation On, Expenditures for the Project. The Issuer covenants to account for the expenditure of sale proceeds and investment earnings to be used for the purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance (the *Project*) on its books and records in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Issuer recognizes that in order for the proceeds to be considered used for the reimbursement of costs, the proceeds must be allocated to expenditures within 18 months of the later of the date that (1) the expenditure is made, or (2) the Project is completed; but in no event later than three years after the date on which the original expenditure is paid. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Issuer recognizes that in order for proceeds to be expended under the Internal Revenue Code, the sale proceeds or investment earnings must be expended no more than 60 days after the earlier of (1) the fifth anniversary of the delivery of the Bonds, or (2) the date the Bonds are retired. The Issuer agrees to obtain the advice of nationally-recognized bond counsel if such expenditure fails to comply with the foregoing to assure that such expenditure will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes hereof, the issuer shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(f) Disposition of Project. The Issuer covenants that the property constituting the Project will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the Issuer of cash or other compensation, unless any action taken in connection with such disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purpose of the foregoing, the Issuer may rely on an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the action taken in connection with such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the Issuer shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(g) Written Procedures. Unless superseded by another action of the Issuer, to ensure compliance with the covenants contained herein regarding private business use, remedial actions, arbitrage and rebate, the City Council hereby adopts and establishes the instructions attached hereto as Exhibit G as the Issuer's written procedures.

SECTION 22. Control and Custody of Bonds. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to take and have charge of all necessary orders and records pending investigation by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and shall take and have charge and control of the Bonds pending their approval by the Attorney General, the registration thereof by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers.

Furthermore, any Authorized Official, either or all, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish and execute such documents relating to the City and its financial affairs as may be necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, the approval of the Attorney General and their registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and, together with the City's financial advisors, Bond

Counsel, and the Paying Agent/Registrar, make the necessary arrangements for the delivery of the Initial Bond to the Purchasers and the initial exchange thereof for definitive Bonds.

SECTION 23. Satisfaction of Obligation of City. If the City shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holders, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of taxes levied under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the City to the Holders shall thereupon cease, terminate, and be discharged and satisfied.

Bonds, or any principal amount(s) thereof, shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section when (i) money sufficient to pay in full such Bonds or the principal amount(s) thereof on or prior to Stated Maturity, together with all interest due thereon, shall have been irrevocably deposited with and held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, and/or (ii) Defeasance Securities shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, which Defeasance Securities mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money, together with any money deposited therewith, if any, to pay when due the principal of and interest on such Bonds, or the principal amount(s) thereof, at the Stated Maturity thereof. In the event of a defeasance of the Bonds, the City shall deliver a certificate from its financial advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, an independent accounting firm, or another qualified third party concerning the deposit of cash and/or Defeasance Securities to pay, when due, the principal of, redemption premium (if any), and interest due on any defeased Bonds. As and to the extent applicable, if at all, the City covenants that no deposit of money or Defeasance Securities will be made under this Section and no use made of any such deposit which would cause the Bonds to be treated as arbitrage bonds within the meaning of section 148 of the Code (as defined in Section 21 hereof).

Any money so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar, and all income from Defeasance Securities held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, pursuant to this Section which is not required for the payment of the Bonds, or any principal amount(s) thereof, or interest thereon with respect to which such money has been so deposited shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed by the City. Furthermore, any money held by the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and remaining unclaimed for a period of three (3) years after the Stated Maturity of the Bonds, such money was deposited and is held in trust to pay shall upon the request of the City be remitted to the City against a written receipt therefor, subject to the unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, it is hereby provided that any determination not to redeem defeased Bonds that is made in conjunction with the payment arrangements specified in subsection (i) or (ii) above shall not be irrevocable, provided that: (1) in the proceedings providing for such defeasance, the City expressly reserves the right to call the defeased Bonds for redemption; (2) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the defeased Bonds immediately following the defeasance; (3) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notice that it authorizes; and (4) at the time of the redemption, satisfies the conditions of (i) or (ii) above with respect to such defeased debt as though it was being defeased at the time of the exercise of the option to redeem the defeased Bonds, after taking the

redemption into account in determining the sufficiency of the provisions made for the payment of the defeased Bonds.

SECTION 24. Printed Opinion. The Purchasers' obligation to accept delivery of the Bonds is subject to its being furnished a final opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Austin, Texas, as Bond Counsel, approving certain legal matters as to the Bonds, said opinion to be dated and delivered as of the date of initial delivery and payment for such Bonds. Printing of a true and correct copy of said opinion on the reverse side of each of the Bonds, with appropriate certificate pertaining thereto executed by facsimile signature of the City Secretary of the City is hereby approved and authorized.

SECTION 25. CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers may be printed or typed on the definitive Bonds. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the definitive Bonds shall be of no significance or effect as regards the legality thereof, and neither the City nor attorneys approving said Bonds as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed or typed on the definitive Bonds.

SECTION 26. Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 27. Ordinance a Contract; Amendments - Outstanding Bonds. The City acknowledges that the covenants and obligations of the City herein contained are a material inducement to the purchase of the Bonds. This Ordinance shall constitute a contract with the Holders from time to time, shall be binding on the City and its successors and assigns, and shall not be amended or repealed by the City so long as any Bond remains Outstanding except as permitted in this Section. The City may, without the consent of or notice to any Holders, from time to time and at any time, amend this Ordinance in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Holders, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the City may, with the written consent of Holders holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding affected thereby, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of this Ordinance; provided; however, that, without the consent of all Holders of Outstanding Bonds, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (1) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof, the redemption price thereof, or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of, or interest on the Bonds, (2) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission.

SECTION 28. Benefits of Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person other than the City, Bond Counsel, Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders, any right, remedy, or claim, legal or equitable, under or by reason of this Ordinance or any provision hereof, this Ordinance and all its provisions being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, Bond Counsel, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Holders.

SECTION 29. Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to

the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein.

SECTION 30. Construction of Terms. If appropriate in the context of this Ordinance, words of the singular number shall be considered to include the plural, words of the plural number shall be considered to include the singular, and words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall be considered to include the other genders.

SECTION 31. Governing Law. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 32. Incorporation of Preamble Recitals. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

SECTION 33. Authorization of Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement. The City Council of the City hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City to authorize execution of, and hereby authorized an Authorized Official to execute, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement concerning the payment, exchange, registration, and transferability of the Bonds. A copy of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement is attached hereto, in substantially final form, as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 34. Public Meeting. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 35. Unavailability of Authorized Publication. If, because of the temporary or permanent suspension of any newspaper, journal, or other publication, or, for any reason, publication of notice cannot be made meeting any requirements herein established, any notice required to be published by the provisions of this Ordinance shall be given in such other manner and at such time or times as in the judgment of the City or of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall most effectively approximate such required publication and the giving of such notice in such manner shall for all purposes of this Ordinance be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements for publication thereof.

SECTION 36. No Recourse Against City Officials. No recourse shall be had for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Bond or for any claim based thereon or on this Ordinance against any official of the City or any person executing any Bond.

SECTION 37. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

A. Definitions.

As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

EMMA means the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system, accessible by the general public, without charge, on the internet through the uniform resource locator (URL) <http://www.emma.msrb.org>.

MSRB means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Rule means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

SEC means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Undertaking means the City's continuing disclosure undertaking, described in Paragraphs B through E below, hereunder accepted and entered into by the City for the purpose of compliance with the Rule.

B. Annual Reports.

The City shall file annually with the MSRB, within six months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2025, financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the final Official Statement authorized by Section 18 of this Ordinance being the information described in Exhibit F hereto and if not provided as part of such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements of the City, when and if available. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Exhibit F hereto, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and (ii) audited, if the City commissions an audit of such financial statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the City shall provide unaudited financial statements within such period and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes available. Under current Texas law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 103, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, the City must have its records and accounts audited annually and shall have an annual financial statement prepared based on the audit.

If the City changes its fiscal year, it will file notice thereof with the MSRB of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) prior to the next date by which the City otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this Section.

C. Notice of Certain Events.

The City shall file notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing payment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the City, which shall occur as described below;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

(16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph (12) is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, and (b) the Issuer intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The City shall file notice with the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the City to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with this Section by the time required by this Section.

D. Limitations, Disclaimers, and Amendments.

The City shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section for so long as, but only for so long as, the City remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City in any event will give notice of any deposit that causes the Bonds to be no longer Outstanding.

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The City undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the City’s financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The City does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE CITY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITH OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR *MANDAMUS* OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

No default by the City in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall constitute a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the City under federal and state securities laws.

The provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the City, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Ordinance that authorizes such an amendment) of the Outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interests of the Holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The City may also repeal or amend the provisions of this Section if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, and the City also may amend the provisions of this Section in its discretion in any other manner or circumstance, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not have prevented an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds, giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with subsection B of this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, the City shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with this Section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

E. Information Format – Incorporation by Reference.

The City information required under this Section shall be filed with the MSRB through EMMA in such format and accompanied by such identifying information as may be specified from time to time thereby. Under the current rules of the MSRB, continuing disclosure documents submitted to EMMA must be in word-searchable portable document format (PDF) files that permit the document to be saved, viewed, printed, and retransmitted by electronic means and the series of obligations to which such continuing disclosure documents relate must be identified by CUSIP number or numbers.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document

(including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public through EMMA or filed with the SEC.

SECTION 38. Book-Entry Only System.

The Bonds shall initially be registered so as to participate in a securities depository system (the *DTC System*) with the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or any successor entity thereto (*DTC*), as set forth herein. Each Stated Maturity of the Bonds shall be issued (following cancellation of the Initial Bond described in Section 7) in the form of a separate single definitive Bond. Upon issuance, the ownership of each such Bond shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC, and all of the Outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. The City and the Paying Agent/Registrar are authorized to execute, deliver, and take the actions set forth in such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate the DTC System, including the Letter of Representations attached hereto as Exhibit E (the *Representation Letter*).

With respect to the Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank, or other financial institution for which DTC holds the Bonds from time to time as securities depository (a *Depository Participant*) or to any person on behalf of whom such a Depository Participant holds an interest in the Bonds (an *Indirect Participant*). Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co., or any Depository Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any Depository Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of the Bonds, as shown on the Security Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the delivery to any Depository Participant or any Indirect Participant or any other Person, other than a Holder of a Bond, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. While in the DTC System, no person other than Cede & Co., or any successor thereto, as nominee for DTC, shall receive a bond certificate evidencing the obligation of the City to make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest pursuant to this Ordinance. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Ordinance with respect to interest checks or drafts being mailed to the Holder, the word "Cede & Co." in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that (a) the City determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter, (b) the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason, or (c) DTC or the City determines that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the City shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar, DTC, and the Depository Participants of the availability within a reasonable period of time through DTC of bond certificates, and the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. At that time, the City may determine that the Bonds shall be registered in the name of and deposited with a successor depository operating a securities depository system, as may be acceptable to the City, or such depository's agent or designee, and if the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar do not select such alternate securities depository system then the Bonds may be registered in whatever name or

names the Holders of Bonds transferring or exchanging the Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Representation Letter.

SECTION 39. Further Procedures. The officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the City all such instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the initial sale and delivery of the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, the Purchase Contract, the Official Statement, and the Escrow Agreement. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Bonds, any Authorized Official and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Ordinance, (ii) obtain a rating from any of the national bond rating agencies, or (iii) obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Texas Attorney General's office. Bond Counsel is further authorized to institute any bond validation suit under Chapter 1205, as amended, Texas Government Code (or any successor statute thereto) related to the Bonds while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid. In case any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any certificate shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such certificate, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

SECTION 40. City's Consent to Provide Information and Documentation to the Texas MAC. The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas (the *Texas MAC*), a non-profit membership corporation organized exclusively for non-profit purposes described in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and which serves as a comprehensive financial information repository regarding municipal debt issuers in Texas, requires provision of written documentation regarding the issuance of municipal debt by the issuers thereof. In support of the purpose of the Texas MAC and in compliance with applicable law, the City hereby consents to and authorizes any Authorized Official, Bond Counsel to the City, and/or Financial Advisor to the City to provide to the Texas MAC information and documentation requested by the Texas MAC relating to the Bonds; provided, however, that no such information and documentation shall be provided prior to the Closing Date. This consent and authorization relates only to information and documentation that is a part of the public record concerning the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 41 Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 42. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption, notwithstanding any provision in the City's Home Rule Charter to the contrary concerning a multiple reading requirement for the adoption of ordinances.

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FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025, AT WHICH MEETING A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mario I. Maldonado, Jr., City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Doanh “Zone” T. Nguyen, City Attorney

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Schedule I

Refunded Obligations

“City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014”, dated October 1, 2014, in the original amount of \$5,600,000;

“City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015”, dated September 1, 2015, in the original amount of \$19,765,000;

“City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015”, dated April 15, 2015, in the original amount of \$64,740,000;

“City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016”, dated February 15, 2016, in the original amount of \$54,545,000; and

“City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016A”, dated August 15, 2016, in the original amount of \$22,610,000.

EXHIBIT A

Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement

See Tab No. 2

EXHIBIT B

Bond Purchase Agreement

See Tab No. 7

EXHIBIT C

Escrow and Trust Agreement

See Tab No. 3

EXHIBIT D

Notices of Redemption

See Tab No. 14

EXHIBIT E

DTC Letter of Representations

See Tab No. 4

EXHIBIT F

Description of Annual Financial Information

The following information is referred to in Section 37 of this Ordinance.

Annual Financial Statements and Operating Data

The financial information and operating data with respect to the City to be provided annually in accordance with such Section are as specified (and included in the Appendix or under the headings of the Official Statement referred to) below:

1. The annual audited financial statements of the City or the unaudited financial statements of the City in the event audited financial statements are not completed within six months after the end of any fiscal year.

2. All quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the Official Statement under Tables 1 through 5 and 7 through 13.

Accounting Principles

The accounting principles referred to in such Section are generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board from time to time.

EXHIBIT G

Written Procedures Relating to Continuing Compliance with Federal Tax Covenants

A. Arbitrage. With respect to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Bonds, the City's Chief Financial Officer (the *Responsible Person*), which currently is the Finance Director, will:

- (i) monitor all amounts deposited into a sinking fund or funds (e.g., the Interest and Sinking Fund), to assure that the maximum amount invested at a higher yield than the yield on the Bonds does not exceed an amount equal to the debt service on the Bonds in the succeeding 12 month period plus a carryover amount equal to one-twelfth of the principal and interest payable on the Bonds for the immediately preceding 12-month period;
- (ii) monitor the actions of the Escrow Agent to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of the Escrow Agreement, including with respect to reinvestment of cash balances;
- (iii) ensure that the applicable information return (e.g., IRS Form 8038-G, 8038-GC, or any successor forms) is timely filed with the IRS; and
- (iv) assure that unless excepted from rebate and yield restriction under Section 148(f) of the Code, excess investment earnings are computed and paid to the U.S. government at such time and in such manner as directed by the IRS (A at least every 5 years after the date of deliver of the Bonds (the *Issue Date*), and (B) within 30 days after the date the Bonds are retired.

B. Private Business Use. With respect to the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds, the Responsible Person will:

- (i) monitor the date on which the facilities are substantially complete and available to be used for the purpose intended
- (ii) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the Issuer, the employees of the Issuer, the agents of the Issuer or members of the general public has any contractual right (such as a lease, purchase, management, or other service agreement) with respect to any portion of the facilities;
- (iii) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the Issuer, the employees of the Issuer, the agents of the Issuer or members of the general public has a right to use the output of the facilities (e.g., water, gas, electricity);

- (iv) monitor whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person other than the Issuer, the employees of the Issuer, the agents of the Issuer or members of the general public has a right to use the facilities to conduct or to direct the conduct of research;
- (v) determine whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, any person, other than the Issuer, has a naming right for the facilities or any other contractual right granting an intangible benefit;
- (vi) determine whether, at any time the Bonds are outstanding, the facilities are sold are otherwise disposed of; and
- (vii) take such action as is necessary to remediate any failure to maintain compliance with the covenants contained in the Ordinance related to the public use of the facilities.

C. Record Retention. The Responsible Person will maintain or cause to be maintained all records relating to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the Bonds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced thereby for a period ending three (3) years after the complete extinguishment of the Bonds. If any portion of the Bonds is refunded with the proceeds of another series of tax-exempt obligations, such records will be maintained until the three (3) years after the refunding obligations are completely extinguished. Such records can be maintained in paper or electronic format.

D. Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall receive appropriate training regarding the Issuer's accounting system, contract intake system, facilities management and other systems necessary to track the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and the use of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Responsible Person is authorized and instructed to retain such experienced advisors and agents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of these instructions.