

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 07/27/2026	SUBJECT: Final Hearing and Introductory Ordinance AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 17 – ALLOWING FOR THE ADDITION OF NEW FEES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW AND EXPANDED SERVICES, THE DELETION OF FEES FOR SERVICES NO LONGER OFFERED, THE UPDATING OF POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE SERVICES AT THE LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND UPDATES TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.	
INITIATED BY: Joseph W. Neeb City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Danielle Burns Assistant Library Director
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council approved public hearing and introductory ordinance changes at the July 27, 2026, Council meeting. City Council approved and introduced ordinance changes at the September 17, 2012 Council meeting. Ordinance 2012-O-145 was adopted on September 17, 2012. City Council introduced this ordinance on October 7, 2019. Ordinance 2019-O-177 was adopted on October 21, 2019, introducing the creation of a Public Arts Program and a new division under Chapter 17, Library, Article II, Administration.		
BACKGROUND: Revision is recommended to reflect new services being offered and services no longer offered. Fees listed above are suggested after comparing similar fees with other public libraries in the state of Texas (McAllen, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Harlingen, Dallas, and Houston"). The attached fee revisions will be included in the Library's Policy Manual. This ordinance will clarify and align the Committee's duties with its intended role of providing recommendations and guidance to the governing body. Duties requiring operational, administrative, or decision-making authority are removed to ensure consistency with the Committee's advisory function.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT:		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Library Advisory Committee was presented with the proposed changes.		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-O-136

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Whereas, the Advisory Committees were established to provide advice and recommendations; and whereas certain assigned duties exceed the scope of an advisory body's intended function; therefore, the ordinance is amended to remove such duties and clarify the Committee's advisory role;

Whereas, the City of Laredo operates the Laredo Public Libraries to help meet the diverse informational, educational, and recreational needs of its residents; and

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

SECTION 1: The City of Laredo Council hereby approves to amend the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17 – allowing for the addition of new fees associated with new and expanded services, the deletion of fees for services no longer offered, the updating of policies associated with these services at the Laredo Public Libraries, updates to the Library Advisory Committee and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, and changes to the Public Art Program, providing for publication and effective date.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY