

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-123

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 8, WHICH WILL REQUIRE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TO ALLOW HOME OWNERS TO INSTALL PERIMETER FENCING WITHIN A PROPERTY FOR SECURITY PURPOSES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo continues to experience property damage caused by javelinas and feral hogs in residential neighborhoods, particularly those adjacent to natural brushlands and water sources; and

WHEREAS, effective deterrent measures—such as block, wood, or net-wire perimeter fencing—can significantly reduce the risk of wildlife intrusions onto private property; and

WHEREAS, some homeowners' associations currently prohibit such fencing, preventing residents from protecting their homes and landscapes from damage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the right of homeowners to protect their property, while also respecting the role of HOAs in maintaining neighborhood aesthetics;

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

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 is hereby amended as follows:

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Sec. 21-8 – Security Measures

Sec. 21-8. SECURITY MEASURES.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a property owners' association may not adopt or enforce a restrictive covenant that prevents a property owner from building or installing security measures, including but not limited to a security camera, motion detector, or perimeter fence.

(b) This section does not prohibit a property owners' association from:

(1) prohibiting the installation of a security camera by a property owner in a place other than the property owner's private property; or

(2) regulating the type of fencing that a property owner may install.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____ 2025.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**