

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-92

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE X, SECTION 19-379 (1), “FEES; RELEASE,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS; INCREASING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR BOOTED OR TOWED VEHICLES FROM TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) TO SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 19-379 of the Code of Ordinances currently establishes fees required for the release of vehicles that have been booted or towed due to unresolved parking citations; and

WHEREAS, the existing administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) was originally adopted to defray the City’s administrative costs associated with enforcement, including placement of vehicles on the delinquent vehicle list and related processes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the current administrative fee no longer adequately reflects the actual costs incurred by the City for personnel, equipment, processing, and enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that increasing the administrative fee to sixty dollars (\$60.00) is necessary to more accurately recover administrative expenses and ensure the continued effectiveness of parking enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that updating this fee promotes fairness and fiscal responsibility while maintaining compliance incentives for the timely resolution of parking citations.

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 19, Article X, Section 19-379 (1) is hereby amended to read as follows: words and phrases to be removed are enclosed in brackets and indicated with strikethrough, and new language is underlined and italicized, as provided herein.

Sec. 19-379. Fees, release.

Except as provided in section 19-380, the claimant of a vehicle may not secure the release of the vehicle until an appearance has been made on all unresolved parking citations relating to the vehicle which were issued while the vehicle was owned by the person who owned the vehicle at the time it is booted or towed hereunder, and the claimant has paid the following fees, as applicable:

- (1) An administrative fee, if the vehicle has been booted or towed, or both, of [~~twenty-five~~] sixty dollars [~~(\$25.00)~~] (\$60.00) to defray the city's administrative costs in placing the vehicle on the delinquent vehicle list and related expenses under this article.

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. The publishers of the City Code of Laredo, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to index, format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

[EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS]

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