

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-XXX

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 15, “HEALTH AND
SANITATION,” ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL” OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 15-5 “FEES FOR
INFLUENZA, CHILDHOOD AND OTHER
IMMUNIZATIONS” TO UPDATE THE SECTION TITLE;
UPDATE FEES FOR VACCINES OF STATE PROGRAMS;
INCLUDE FEES FOR NON-STATE PRIVATE STOCK
VACCINES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, City of Laredo Public Health Department is amending fees for services provided in order to address current operation needs; and,

WHEREAS, immunizations are an essential part of public health; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the fees of state and non-state vaccine stock is necessary for public health, safety, and welfare.

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

Section 1: Chapter 15, “Health and Sanitation.” Article I “In General” of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

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Sec. 15-5. – Fees for ~~influenza, childhood and other~~ immunization services.

a. Influenza:

The City of Laredo Public Health department director is hereby authorized to charge [~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~] thirty dollars (\$30.00) to each person to whom it provides an immunization against influenza. ~~or twenty dollars (\$20.00) per vaccine (dose) not to exceed a total of forty dollars (\$40.00) for persons that meet the Texas Immunization Safety net guidelines.~~

b. State Program Vaccines:

(1). Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) Program Fees – for vaccines administered under the Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) Program within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be levied for each vaccine (dose) administered, not to exceed a total of twenty (\$20.00) per client.

(2). Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program Fees – for vaccines administered under the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department, a

fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be levied for each vaccine (dose) administered, not to exceed a total of forty dollars (\$40.00) per client.

c. Non- State Private Stock Vaccines:

A fee (pricing schedule below) shall be collected for any Laredo Public Health private stock vaccine (dose) administered within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department. Fee per vaccine (dose) is determined based on procurement and operational costs incurred by the Laredo Public Health Department.

<u>Generic Name</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>COVID-19 12YRS & OLDERS-SPIKEVAX</u>	<u>\$227</u>
<u>COVID-19 6M TO 11YRS</u>	<u>\$227</u>
<u>Hep A/ Hep B</u>	<u>\$208</u>
<u>HPV 9</u>	<u>\$303</u>
<u>MCV4</u>	<u>\$244</u>
<u>PCV20</u>	<u>\$385</u>
<u>POLIO IPOL</u>	<u>\$99</u>
<u>RSV-BAYFORTUS</u>	<u>\$618</u>
<u>RSV</u>	<u>\$441</u>
<u>Tdap</u>	<u>\$88</u>
<u>Shingles (Zoster)</u>	<u>\$249</u>
<u>Varicella</u>	<u>\$260</u>
<u>Yellow Fever</u>	<u>\$204</u>

All other vaccines will be charged at cost plus a twenty dollar (\$20.00) administrative fee. These fees will be modified on a yearly basis to offset the cost of the vaccine and to bring them in line with the state Medicare and Medicaid or sliding fee scale reimbursement rates.

This section does not and is not intended to exempt, change or modify the terms of any governing federal or state regulations which apply to the provision of influenza immunizations or pneumococcal immunizations by the health department.

~~The city health department director is hereby authorized to charge ten dollars (\$10.00) per vaccine (dose,) not to exceed a total of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person per visit for any person under eighteen (18) years of age or that meets the Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) or Texas Immunization Safety net guidelines for all immunizations offered by the health department (other than non-TVFC influenza, pneumococcal or other vaccine not covered by the TVFC or the safety net guidelines) which includes: DTAP—Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; MMR—Measles, mumps rubella; Hib—Haemophilus influenza B; hepatitis A; hepatitis B; varicella; human papilloma virus; meningococcal, polio, rotavirus, influenza, pneumococcal and other variations or new vaccines that may develop.~~

~~Boosters for any of the above are ten dollars (\$10.00) per vaccine (dose,) not to exceed a total of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person per visit.~~

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 City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. That after its passage by City Council, this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time and become effective not less than sixty (60) days from the date of the public hearing on this Ordinance, in accordance with the City Charter.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 2024.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM
DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY

AMBER R. HOLMES
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY