

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 19-360 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, ENTITLED “PARKING METERS,” RENAMING THE SECTION TO “PARKING METERS AND PAY STATION ZONES,” AND REPLACING THE SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo seeks to modernize and improve the efficiency of its parking system in response to evolving downtown mobility needs and increased demand for accessible parking; and

WHEREAS, the current provisions governing parking meters require updates to reflect advancements in parking technology, including the use of pay stations and integrated payment systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to streamline parking rates to ensure consistency, fairness, and ease of use for residents, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, improved management of parking meters and pay station zones will enhance operational efficiency, support enforcement, and promote turnover of parking spaces in high-demand areas; and

WHEREAS, these updates are intended to support economic activity, improve user convenience, and align the City’s parking policies with best practices in municipal parking management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo desires to amend Section 19-360 of Chapter 19, Article VIII to reflect these goals and provide a clear and comprehensive framework for parking meters and pay station zones.

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

Section 1. Section 19-360 of Chapter 19, Article VIII of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety, which is set forth below in brackets and indicated with strikethrough, and substituting in its place new language, which is underlined and italicized, as provided herein.

Sec. 19-360. [~~Parking meters.~~]

~~[(a) The following length of time for parking a vehicle in a parking space and the amount of money charged for such length of time, respectively, for so using parking spaces, are hereby established:~~

- ~~(1) Four (4) minutes for each nickel, eight (8) minutes for each dime, twenty (20) minutes for each quarter, with a two-hour maximum parking limit for parking meters installed in the following streets: Matamoros Street, Farragut Street, Hidalgo Street, Lincoln Street, Iturbide Street, Grant Street, Zaragoza Street, between Santa Ursula Avenue on the east and Santa Maria Avenue on the west and also including the 1500, and 1600 blocks of Water Street and on the following avenues all east of Santa Maria which include San Eduardo Avenue, San Dario Avenue, Santa Ursula Avenue, San Bernardo Avenue, San Agustin Avenue, Flores Avenue, Convent Avenue, Salinas Avenue, and Juarez Avenue.~~
- ~~(2) Six (6) minutes for each nickel, twelve (12) minutes for each dime, and thirty (30) minutes for each quarter, with a ten-hour time limit, for all other parking meters installed west of Santa Maria Avenue, bounded by Santa Maria on the east, Hidalgo Street on the south, Santa Cleotilde on the west, and Moctezuma Street on the north.~~

 - ~~a. A parking meter permit contract may be obtained, one (1) per person, at the parking enforcement division office at a nonrefundable fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per parking meter space. To the extent that the imposition of any fee, requirement or other provision set forth in the division would be inconsistent with a controlling state or federal law, then this division shall be construed and applied in a manner that conforms with the applicable state or federal law. Contract may be approved as submitted or modified subject to the provision herein provided, unless it is determined that the application is incomplete or materially untruthful; or there exists any unresolved parking citations for any vehicles owned by the applicant. Permits are personal to the permit holder and may not be assigned or used by any other persons, will not authorize reserving parking meters spaces and will not guarantee parking space availability. Upon establishing a contract, a parking meter permit/tag will be issued to be displayed on the front of the vehicle's windshield visible to enforcement officers at all times. Upon written notification to the holder, a permit may be suspended or revoked if the parking official determines that it was issued by error, that the parking space is having unanticipated adverse effects upon vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or that the holder has not complied with any applicable term of the permit.~~
 - ~~b. A residential parking meter permit contract may be obtained, limit two (2) per residence, at the parking enforcement division office at a non-refundable yearly fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per permit. To the extent that the imposition of any fee, requirement or other provision set forth in the division would be inconsistent with a controlling state or federal law, then this division shall be construed and applied in a manner that conforms with the applicable state or federal law. Contract may be approved as submitted or modified subject to the provision herein provided, unless it is determined that the application is incomplete or materially untruthful; or there exists any unresolved parking citations for any vehicles owned by the applicant(s). Permits are personal to the permit holder and may not be assigned or used by any other persons, will not authorize reserving parking meters spaces and will not guarantee parking space availability. Proof such as utility bills, must be submitted while establishing a contract. A residential parking meter permit/tag will be issued to be displayed on the front of the~~

vehicle's windshield visible to enforcement officers at all times. Upon written notification to the holder, a permit may be suspended or revoked if the parking official determines that it was issued by error, that the parking space is having unanticipated adverse effects upon vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or that the holder has not complied with any applicable term of the permit/contract.

- ~~(3) Four (4) minutes for each nickel, eight (8) minutes for each dime, twenty (20) minutes for each quarter with a four-hour maximum parking limit for all parking meters in city parking lots installed within the established parking meter zones.~~
- ~~a. The Convent and Matamoros parking meter lot will be three dollars (\$3.00) per hour combined with monthly leases at sixty dollars (\$60.00) per space.~~
- ~~(4) Four (4) minutes for each nickel, eight (8) minutes for each dime, twenty (20) minutes for each [quarter], with a four-hour maximum parking limit for parking meters installed in the following streets and avenues: Scott Street, Moctezuma Street, Washington Street, Victoria Street, Houston Street, between Santa Ursula Avenue on the east and Santa Maria Avenue on the west, also on the following avenues north of Houston Street which include San Eduardo Avenue, San Dario Avenue, Santa Ursula Avenue, San Bernardo Avenue, San Agustin Avenue, Flores Avenue, Convent Avenue, Salinas Avenue, and Juarez Avenue.~~
- ~~(b) Said parking meters shall be operated in said parking meter zones every day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time or other standard time established or proclaimed by the United States for an area including the city, except Sundays and holidays; provided however, that within the meaning of this section the term "holiday" shall include the following days only: the first day of January, the fourth of July, the first Monday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December, and the day designated and set aside by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving and all other holidays observed by the City of Laredo.~~
- ~~(c) Parking meters on Main Avenue and Davis Avenue between Hidalgo Street on the north and Zaragoza Street on the south, and all meters east of San Eduardo, between Moctezuma Street on the north and Iturbide Street on the south, were removed and are no longer operational.~~
- ~~(d) Waiver of fees: The city manager may waive in whole or in part the parking fees provided for in this section for special events on a case-by-case basis when deemed in the best interest of the city.~~
- ~~(e) Mobile payment service application and convenience fees: The mobile payment service application will allow customers to receive real-time notifications in advance to alert of parking expirations; the ability to pay and extend parking session remotely.~~

~~To set up an account, customers download the mobile app from the Apple or Google Play store and sign up using their mobile number. Mobile payment service includes a transaction convenience fee.]~~

Sec. 19-360. Parking meters and pay station zones.

- (a) The City Manager, or designee, may establish paid-parking zones, both along public street right-of-way and on parking lots owned or controlled by the City. All areas

- for which City Council has previously authorized parking meters and has not repealed the authorization are paid-parking zones.*
- (b) *The City Manager, or designee, may determine where within paid-parking zones to install parking meters and where to install pay stations.*
 - (c) *Paid-parking zone regulations apply on public right-of-way throughout the city Monday through Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m., except on designated City holidays, or as otherwise indicated on the device.*
 - (d) *Paid-parking zone regulations, other than for on-street parking, apply during the days and hours designated on the device. The City Manager, or designee, may determine the days and hours of operation for current or future paid-parking zones.*
 - (e) *The proper amounts for the use of a parking meter or pay station space are as follows:*

<u>LENGTH OF TIME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>12 minutes</u>	<u>25 cents (.25)</u>
<u>24 minutes</u>	<u>50 cents (.50)</u>
<u>36 minutes</u>	<u>75 cents (.75)</u>
<u>48 minutes</u>	<u>100 cents (1.00)</u>
<u>60 minutes</u>	<u>125 cents (1.25)</u>

- (f) *Waiver of fees: The City Manager may waive, in whole or in part, the parking fees provided for in this section for special events on a case-by-case basis when deemed in the best interest of the city.*

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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