

ORDINANCE 2025-O-159

AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO CEMETERY FEE ORDINANCE, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8; ARTICLE 23, ENTITLED "SAME - FEES CHARGED" BY ADDING TWO NEW SECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY SECTION (B)(5) AND SECTION (B)(6) PROVIDING AND ESTABLISHING THE COSTS AND FEES FOR NICHE SALES TO THE PUBLIC FOR STORAGE OF URNS.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo Cemetery, in its continuing effort to provide the public with additional options to honor their loved ones with honor and dignity, is now selling niches contained within a columbarium for the storage of urns; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the Ordinance provides the costs and fees associated with such services, including the purchase cost of the niche, the internment service of each urn within the niche (each niche holds a maximum of two niches) and the recording fee; and

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

Section 1: Chapter 8; Article 23, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, entitled "Same - Fees Charged", shall be amended by adding sections (b)(5) and (b)(6) which establish the costs and fees for the newly available services at the City of Laredo Cemetery, which will offer the sale of Niches located in columbaria for the storage of urns.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be published in a manner provided by Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of City of Laredo.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective as and from the date of publication specified in Section 2 hereinabove.

Section 4: Severability

If any provision, section, subsection sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of this ordinance the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision herein or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of another portion hereof, and all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 8-23. Same—Fees charged

- (a) *Authorized.* The cemetery manager shall exercise a general superintendence over the cemetery and shall collect the following fees to be paid by the persons interested.
- (b) *Amounts.*

(1) *Combined cost for grave services and opening:*

- a. On regular time (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), six-foot grave for one (1) person \$475.00
- b. Prepare for a second interment in the same grave on regular time (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), eight-foot grave for two (2) people 775.00
- c. Grave services for a 2'x4' (baby/no tent) 225.00
- d. Grave services for a 2'x5' (baby) 350.00
- e. Burial of cremation remains (adult) 475.00
- f. For services in baby land for burial of cremation remains on regular time (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) 100.00
- g. Webb County Central Welfare—Paupers, indigents, John Does, as per interlocal agreement. (In case of no agreement the effective public fee applies.)

(2) *Additional charges for services on weekdays after 3:30 p.m. or weekends:*

- a. [For adults.] See new chart below.
- b. [For babies.] See new chart below.
- c. Weekday—Overtime (Monday thru Friday after 3:30 p.m.) \$200.00
- d. Weekend—Overtime*

Saturday

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 200.00

* (Last Mass, chapel, or gravesite service to be scheduled at 10:00 a.m. to arrive by 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery grounds.)

11:01 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 250.00

* (Last Mass, chapel, or gravesite service to be scheduled at 1:00 p.m. to arrive by 2:00 p.m. at the cemetery grounds.)

Sunday

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 300.00

* (Last Mass, chapel, or gravesite service to be scheduled at 10:00 a.m. to arrive by 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery grounds.)

- e. There will be no services conducted on holidays.

(3) *Cemetery lot prices:*

- a. Per adult grave space regular size (4'x10') \$1,800.00
- b. For a 2'x4' infant lot in baby land 275.00
- c. Per adult grave space (3½'x8' and 3½'x9') 900.00
- d. For a 2'x5' infant lot 425.00
- e. For a cremation size 1'x1' (no tent) 150.00
- f. For a cremation size 2'x2' (no tent) 250.00
- g. Webb County Central Welfare—Paupers, indigents, John Does, as per interlocal agreement. (In case of no agreement the effective public fee applies.)

(4) *Miscellaneous charges:*

- a. Extra wide grave for liner or vault\$50.00
- b. Dig for vacant space (remains found)No charge
- c. Dig for vacant space (no remains found)\$150.00
- d. Disinterment. To dig down to top of container and backfill hole, done on weekdays only:

Single plot (six-foot)\$250.00

Double plot (eight-foot)375.00

- e. On call for funeral arrangements (weekends)50.00

[f.] Removal of monument or marker fees for burial services:

- 1. Pillow and flat markers (Small—Maximum 12"×24")\$35.00
- 2. Monument or markers (Medium—Maximum 18"×36")75.00
- 3. Monument markers (Large—Above 36")475.00
- 4. Nonsolid granite, marble, cement, or statue (Family will pay expenses for the removal of the monument for burial service due to the delicate nature of the material.)Family must
..... hire monument dealer
- 5. Solid marble (due to delicate nature of material)Family must
..... hire monument dealer

Small50.00

Medium75.00

LargeFamily must

..... hire monument dealer

*If family requests cemetery personnel to remove a non-solid monument or marker, it needs to sign a form releasing the city from liability for any damages.

Monument permit fee50.00

Foundation fees (Foundation policy-ground level):

10"×10" to maximum 12"×24"35.00

Over 12"×24" to maximum 18"×36"70.00

Over 18"×36" to maximum 18"×48"105.00

Over 18"×48" to maximum 24"×72"135.00

Scrap metal (tripods and baskets)1.00

Cancellation of burial service setup (Person responsible who changed date without advising the office.)475.00

Temporary markers, each13.00

All private organizations:

Existing organizations will be responsible for maintaining the areaCemetery

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Abandon organizations will be charged fee for maintenanceCemetery
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(5) Columbaria and niche related fees and prices at City Cemetery:

- a. Each niche is only allowed to hold a maximum of two (2) urns at any time;
b. Price for a 10" X 10" niche by row (Note: Total Cost reflects two (2) separate inurnments):

1.	Niche located in Row 1:	\$2,000.00	(Top Row)
	i. 1 st Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	iii. TOTAL COST:	\$2,650.00	

2.	Niche located in Row 2:	\$1,900.00	
	i. 1 st Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	iii. TOTAL COST:	\$2,550.00	

3.	Niche located in Row 3:	\$1,800.00	
	i. 1 st Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	iii. TOTAL COST:	\$2,450.00	

4.	Niche located in Row 4:	\$1,700.00	(Bottom Row)
	i. 1 st Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	iii. TOTAL COST:	\$2,350.00	

(6) Price for a 10" X 10" niche by row (Please note that the Total Cost reflects one (1) inurnment ceremony, which contemplates that that both urns are entered into the niche at the same time and therefore only one inurnment fee of \$350.00 is charged for on Urn and only a \$75.00 recording fee is charged instead of the additional \$350.00 inurnment fee in the two (2) ceremony inurnment contemplated under Section No. (5) above.

1.	Niche located in Row 1:	\$2,000.00	(Top Row)
	i. 1 st Inurnment:	\$325.00	(Open-Close Fee)
	ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	\$0.00	

iii. Recording Fee:	<u>\$75.00</u>
iv. TOTAL COST:	<u>\$2,400.00</u>

2. Niche located in Row 2:	<u>\$1,900.00</u>	
i. 1 st Inurnment:	<u>\$325.00</u>	(Open-Close Fee)
ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	<u>\$0.00</u>	
iii. Recording Fee:	<u>\$75.00</u>	
iv. TOTAL COST:	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	

3. Niche located in Row 3:	<u>\$1,800.00</u>	
i. 1 st Inurnment:	<u>\$325.00</u>	(Open-Close Fee)
ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	<u>\$0.00</u>	
iii. Recording Fee:	<u>\$75.00</u>	
iv. TOTAL COST:	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	

4. Niche located in Row 4:	<u>\$1,700.00</u>	(Bottom Row)
i. 1 st Inurnment:	<u>\$325.00</u>	(Open-Close Fee)
ii. 2 nd Inurnment:	<u>\$0.00</u>	
iii. Recording Fee:	<u>\$75.00</u>	
iv. TOTAL COST:	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	

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

Dr. Victor D. Trevino
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mario I. Maldonado
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Doanh “Zone” T. Nguyen
City Secretary