

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 24-65-0 TITLED “SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION (C) WHICH WILL REGULATE THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laredo recognizes that maintaining the residential character and aesthetic integrity of its neighborhoods is essential to preserving property values and the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received complaints and observed instances of individuals displaying multiple vehicles for sale on lawns, driveways, and private residential lots, creating the appearance of unlicensed car sales operations; and

WHEREAS, the operation of vehicle sales businesses or vehicle holding yards in residential zoning districts is expressly prohibited under Section 24.63.2 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles allows individuals to sell up to four (4) vehicles in a 12-month period without a dealer’s license.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to enact reasonable restrictions to ensure that occasional personal vehicle sales do not transform into commercial vehicle sales enterprises incompatible with residential uses;

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

Section 1: Section 24-65-0 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(c) Sale of Vehicles from Residential Property

i. Definitions:

A. “Residential Property” means any property zoned for residential use under the City of Laredo Land Development Code.

- B. "Vehicle" means any self-propelled motor vehicle designed for operation on public highways.
 - C. "Personal Vehicle Sale" means the sale of a vehicle titled and registered in the name of the property occupant.
 - D. "Display for Sale" means the placement of a vehicle on any private property in public view with signage, writing, or any indication that the vehicle is offered for sale.
- ii. No person shall display or offer to sale more than four (4) personal vehicles in a 12-month period from any residential lot.
 - iii. Each vehicle displayed for sale shall be titled and registered in the name of a property occupant.
 - iv. No person shall display or offer for sale any vehicle owned, titled, or registered to another individual, business, or car dealer on residential property.
 - v. A violation under this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 per violation. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

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 _____, 2025.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY