

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-209

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 24.65.16 OF THE LAREDO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TITLED “M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT,” CREATING SUBSECTION (7) WHICH WILL IMPOSE DISTANCE REGULATIONS TO PREVENT BARS, NIGHT CLUBS, CANTINAS, SALOONS, BILLIARD PARLORS, AND CARNIVALS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET OF ANY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, nightlife establishments can create significant noise disturbances for nearby residents, particularly during late hours or on weekends. This can disrupt the peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods, affecting residents' quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, creating distance between residential neighborhoods and bars helps to maintain a harmonious relationship between commercial and residential zones. It reduces conflicts and complaints between businesses and residents, fostering a more cohesive and enjoyable community environment; and,

WHEREAS, implementing regulations on abutting zones aligns with broader municipal goals of enforcing zoning laws and maintaining a balanced urban environment. It ensures that businesses operate within specified guidelines to minimize negative impacts on surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, bars can often attract large crowds and increase vehicular and pedestrian traffic, potentially posing safety risks for residents in nearby neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, limiting the existence of bars near residential areas is a proactive measure aimed at preserving community well-being, ensuring regulatory compliance, and promoting a peaceful coexistence between commercial and residential zones within the city.

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

Section 1. City of Laredo Land Development Code Section 24-65 entitled “Supplementary Zoning District Regulations” is hereby amended to include the following section:

Section 24.65.16 M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT

(7) Bars, Night Clubs, Cantinas, Saloons, billiard parlors and carnivals are permitted provided that such businesses are located a distance of more than three hundred (300) feet from the nearest residential district. The distance shall be measured in a straight line.

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. This Ordinance shall become effective sixty days after the public hearing.

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

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO, JR
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**