

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-XXX

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A GRANT AS A SUBRECIPIENT AWARDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) ON BEHALF OF THE TEXAS ENERGY POVERTY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (TEPRI) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,143,991.00 WITH NO MATCH, AND AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING AND REHABILITATION FUND FY 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE SOLAR FOR ALL FUND BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,143,991.00. THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE TWO FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) – SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITIONS. FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO’S SOLAR FOR ALL PROGRAM WILL DELIVER DIRECT ENERGY BILL SAVINGS BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Department Budget must be amended to appropriate funds by increasing revenues and expenditures by an additional amount of \$5,143,991.00; and,

WHEREAS, these funds are from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Zero Emissions Technology Grant Program for the Texas Solar for All Coalition, for the purpose specified for community project funding to be implemented by the City of Laredo; and,

WHEREAS, these funds will be directed for the implementation of The Solar For All Program which will deliver direct energy bill savings by providing financial assistance for the installation of solar panels on homes for low-income households; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is subrecipient of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Zero Emissions Technology Grant from Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI), which is recipient from Harris County (primary applicant)

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

SECTION 1. Authorizing the appropriation of an additional \$5,143,991.00 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Solar For All Program to the Community Development Department 2025 Budget.

**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 “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**