

## **ORDINANCE 2024-O-149**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2021 EDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (“ICC”) CODES: (1) INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, (2) INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, (3) INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, (4) INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, (5) INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, AND (6) INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, by Ordinance No. 2021-O-198 the City Council adopted the 2018 edition of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Residential Code, the International Property Maintenance Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Existing Building Code.

**WHEREAS**, newer editions of those codes are now recommended for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, these codes are designed to secure the public health and safety through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the built environment, including alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use, and occupancy of building structures, or premises by regulation the installation and maintenance of all buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the above-referenced newer editions of the said ICC codes, will facilitate comprehensive inspection activities by the Building Development Service Department of City of Laredo relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the City of Laredo.

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

**Section 1.** The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, Sections 7-1, 7-4, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, and 7-10 are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 7-1. Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Building Code as published by the International Code Council and is hereby adopted as the Code of the City of Laredo, of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of building development services department and designated as the building code.

Sec. 7-4. Mechanical code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Mechanical Code of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of building development services department and designated as the mechanical code.

Sec. 7-7. Dwelling code.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Residential Code of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of building development services department and designated as the dwelling code, except for *Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency* and Section R313.2 One- and Two-Family Dwelling Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, which is prohibited by state law SB1410 Section 12, which became law on September 1, 2009.

The following sections of the ~~2018~~ 2021 *Edition of the International Residential Code* are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo:

Sec. 7-8. International Property Maintenance Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Properly Maintenance Code of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code.

Sec. 7-9. International Energy Conservation Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.

Sec. 7-10. International Existing Building Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the ~~2018~~ 2021 edition of the International Existing Building Code of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of building development services department and designated as the International Existing Building Code.

**Section 2.** The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, is hereby amended.

**Section 3.** That if any section, subsection sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Laredo hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** 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 7.** 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 8.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_2024.**

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**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO  
MAYOR**

**ATTESTED:**

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**MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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