

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-89

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (“MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), ARTICLE III, SECTION 19-71 (“REPORTS—REQUIRED”), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTING THRESHOLD FROM FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo regulates traffic and public safety matters through Chapter 19 of its Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-71 currently requires reporting of accidents involving property damage of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more, which no longer reflects modern economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that increasing the reporting threshold to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) is reasonable and in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens 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 19, Article III, Section 19-71 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows: words and phrases to be removed are enclosed in brackets and indicated with strikethrough, and new language is underlined and italicized, as provided herein.

Sec. 19-71. Reports—Required.

- (a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the city resulting in an injury to or death of any person or damage to any property to an apparent extent of [~~fifty dollars~~] *one thousand dollars* [~~(\$50.00)~~] (*\$1,000.00*) or more shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the police department.

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with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.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 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**

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FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**