

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-XXX

PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, “HEALTH AND SANITATION,” ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 15-5 “FEES FOR IMMUNIZATION SERVICES” TO UPDATE SECTION 15-5 (C) “NON-STATE PRIVATE STOCK VACCINES” TO INCLUDE INSURANCE PAYMENT SUBSECTION (1) AND CASH AND CARD PAYMENT SUBSECTION (2); AND REMOVE VACCINE PRICE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City of Laredo Public Health Department is amending fees for services provided in order to address current operation needs; and,

WHEREAS, immunizations are an essential part of public health; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the fees of state and non-state vaccine stock is necessary for public health, safety, and welfare.

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

Section 1: Chapter 15, “Health and Sanitation.” Article I “In General” of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

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Sec. 15-5 – Fees for immunization services.

a. Influenza:

The City of Laredo Public Health department director is hereby authorized to charge thirty dollars \$30.00 to each person to whom it provides an immunization against influenza.

b. State Program Vaccines:

(1). Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) Program Fees – for vaccines administered under the Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) Program within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be levied for each vaccine (dose) administered, not to exceed a total of twenty (\$20.00) per client.

(2). Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program Fees – for vaccines administered under the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be levied for each vaccine (dose) administered, not to exceed a total of forty dollars (\$40.00) per client.

c. Non- State Private Stock Vaccines:

(1). Insurance Payment - A fee (~~pricing schedule below~~) shall be collected for any Laredo Public Health private stock vaccine (dose) administered within the jurisdiction of the Laredo Public Health Department. Fee per vaccine (~~dose~~) is determined based on procurement and operational costs incurred by the Laredo Public Health Department. *Fees are also determined by the Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance reimbursement rates.*

Generic Name	Price
COVID-19 12YRS & OLDER-SPIKEVAX	\$227
COVID-19 6M TO 11YRS	\$227
Hep A/ Hep B	\$208
HPV 9	\$303
MCV4	\$244
PCV20	\$385
POLIO IPOL	\$99
RSV BAYFORTUS	\$618
RSV	\$441
Tdap	\$88
Shingles (Zoster)	\$249
Varicella	\$260
Yellow Fever	\$204

(2). Cash or Card Payment – Vaccines will be charged at cost plus 20% and \$30.00 dollars of administrative fee. Cost are modified depending on market value.

These fees will be modified on a yearly basis to offset the cost of the vaccine and to bring them in line with the state Medicare and Medicaid or sliding fee scale reimbursement rates.

This section does not and is not intended to exempt, change or modify the terms of any governing federal or state regulations which apply to the provision of influenza immunizations or pneumococcal immunizations by the health department.

The City Manager “or designee” has the discretion to waive fees and costs associated with vaccines during special circumstances, such as public health outbreaks, promotional events, and/or for high-risk populations and other affected groups.

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 _____, 2024.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY**

**AMBER R. HOLMES
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**