

ORDINANCE NO.# 2024-O-129

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO GRANT A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO GPI EQUIPMENT LEASING LLC DBA TRASH NINJA TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, ROADS, HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, EASEMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A COMMERCIAL CONTAINER REFUSE GATHERING AND DISPOSING SERVICE, SETTING FORTH TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO GOVERN THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.01 of the Laredo City Charter the right of control, ownership and use of streets and alleys is declared to be inalienable except as provided by ordinance passed by the Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is authorized by Section 8.02 of the Laredo City Charter to levy and collect franchise fees in accordance with the laws of the state of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the authority granted by the City Charter, the attached franchise agreement is a valid exercise of the City's broad police powers and based upon the City's statutory regulatory authority, including but not limited to, Texas Local Government Code Chapters 51 and 52, and the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 363; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo requires in City Code Section 14.9 J that all collectors of municipal solid waste are required to enter into a franchise agreement with the City; and,

WHEREAS, GPI Equipment Leasing LLC dba Trash Ninja is engaged in the business of collection and transportation of solid waste within the City and has requested a franchise to use the City's rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, GPI Equipment Leasing LLC dba Trash Ninja has agreed to the terms of the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement in return for the City's grant of a non-exclusive franchise to operate and maintain a solid waste collection service using the City's rights-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laredo is of the opinion that the granting of the franchise on the terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance and its Exhibit "A" are in furtherance of the public interest, for the good government, peace, order, trade and commerce of the City and necessary and proper for carrying out the power.

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

Section I. The facts, findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby adopted and made a part of this Ordinance the same as if they were recited in full.

Section II. The terms and conditions of the Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement under which GPI Equipment Leasing LLC dba Trash Ninja shall be granted the non-exclusive rights to provide solid waste collection and

disposal services are found to be acceptable and in the best interests of the City and its citizens, and are hereby in all things approved.

Section III. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement and all other documents in connection therewith on behalf of the City, substantially according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

Section IV. Any provision of any Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Laredo codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. Pursuant to Section 8.03 of the Laredo City Charter, this Ordinance shall be read at three (3) separate regular meetings of the City Council; shall not be finally passed until thirty (30) days after its first reading; and shall not take effect until sixty (60) days after its final adoption.

Section VI. The City Secretary, or his designee, is directed to publish the full text of this Ordinance at the expense of prospective franchise holder, GPI Equipment Leasing LLC dba Trash Ninja., in a newspaper of general circulation within five (5) days following each of the readings thereof.

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

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY

NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WEBB §

This Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into on this ___ day of _____ between the City of Laredo, a home rule municipal corporation, (hereinafter “GRANTOR”) and GPI Equipment Leasing LLC dba Trash Ninja a Texas limited liability company

with its principal place of business in Laredo, Texas (hereinafter “GRANTEE”), both acting by and through their duly authorized agents and representatives.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide commercial establishments within its corporate city limits with Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials collection, transport and disposal services by engaging an independent contractor to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage Contractor to provide the services set out herein and Contractor desires to render the services provided for herein in accordance with the terms and conditions more specifically described hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

I. FRANCHISE GRANT

GRANTOR does hereby grant to GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right, privilege and franchise to construct, maintain and operate a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service within the City of Laredo, and for that purpose to have, acquire, construct, maintain and operate in and upon the present and, future streets, alleys, highways, parkways and

other public places of the City of Laredo a service of commercial container refuse gathering vehicles and the necessary or desirable appurtenances to be located on private property only in order to supply refuse gathering and disposal services to the City of Laredo, and the inhabitants hereof for the considerations and subject to the conditions, terms, duties, obligations, and limitations expressed in this Ordinance.

II. TERM

The franchise herein granted shall take effect upon the expiration of sixty (60) days following the date of final adoption. Prior to becoming effective, the franchise must be accepted by the GRANTEE in writing who must have filed it with the City Secretary of the City of Laredo within five (5) days after final adoption of this ordinance. If the GRANTEE shall faithfully comply with all the terms and faithfully perform all of the duties and obligations, and faithfully observe and recognize all the limitations and regulations contained in this ordinance and in the valid ordinances of this City relating to the conduct of GRANTEE's business adopted hereunder or under the police powers of the City, then the rights, franchise and privileges herein granted shall be for a term of Ten (10) years ending at midnight on the _____ day of _____, 2034.

III. FRANCHISE FEE

A. In consideration of the grant of the franchise herein, GRANTEE agrees to pay the GRANTOR on the twentieth (20th) day of each quarter, said quarters to begin on the first day of the months of January, April, July and October, a sum equal to four percent (4%) of gross receipts received by the GRANTEE for its services within the limits of the City of Laredo.

B. In consideration of the grant of the franchise for the term herein specified, it is mutually agreed by both GRANTEE and GRANTOR that said percentage of gross receipts is subject to review

by GRANTOR every two years and GRANTOR reserves the right to increase said percentage of gross receipts according to factors and circumstances present at the time of review, including but not limited to: the percent change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the preceding calendar five year's average, specifically defined as the Consumer Price Index (U.S. Average, All Urban Consumers, AU Items) 1982-84 = 100 base as compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the increase in GRANTEE customer base, the state of the economy, the amount of GRANTEE'S vehicles traversing GRANTOR'S roadways, and the fee paid to other comparable communities.

C. Said payment is for the use of the GRANTOR's streets, alleys and rights-of-way.

D. It is agreed that the payment of such percentage of gross receipts each year shall be charged by GRANTEE as items of operating expense for rate making purposes, and shall never be considered as a cost of the franchise herein granted in any determination of rates in the future.

E. Provided further, that payments herein provided do not relieve GRANTEE from the payment of ad valorem taxes, special assessments, charges, or other fees applicable to the public generally and nothing in this section shall be construed to be a breach or in any way affect the power of the GRANTOR to impose all ad valorem taxes on any and all property of the GRANTEE which may be lawfully subject to taxation.

F. It is understood and agreed that any lawful amount which may be or become due by the GRANTEE to the GRANTOR, under the terms of this franchise, as well as any and all lawful ad valorem taxes which may be imposed and become due and payable to the GRANTOR upon property of the GRANTEE situated in the City of Laredo shall be paid when due and failure to pay said sum or sums of money due the GRANTOR shall be grounds for revocation of this franchise at the sole option of the City Council of the City of Laredo.

IV. SERVICE RATES

A. GRANTOR retains full and complete powers within the limits of the Constitution and laws of this State, to approve by ordinance from time to time throughout the life of this franchise a reasonable price for services to be rendered by GRANTEE hereunder.

B. The initial service fee to be charged by GRANTEE is herein fixed by this Ordinance. Monthly service charge per month, per customer, per container, per weekly pick-up plus the installation fee.

C. A complete schedule of monthly service charges for customer service to be rendered by GRANTEE is attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit "A"** and made a part hereof.

Roll Off Services:

Container Size	1 Week Hauling Fee	Extra Hauling Fee	Additional Tonnage
15 Yds	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$41.50
20 Yds	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$41.50
25 Yds	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$41.50

Plus all applicable taxes

D. It is agreed and understood by the parties that GRANTEE may increase the price for services rendered by GRANTEE hereunder without City Council approval only if the amount increased corresponds to an increase in landfill fees by the GRANTOR to the extent that such increase in the price of services rendered by GRANTEE is proportioned to offset as exactly as possible the cost of the landfill fee increase to the GRANTEE considering the difference in GRANTEE'S average gross receipts and the cost of landfill fees paid to the GRANTOR for average tonnage of refuse disposed for the previous twelve (12) months prior to the enactment of the increase by GRANTOR.

V. SERVICE AREA

The terms of this franchise are applicable to the operations of the GRANTEE within the City Limits of the City of Laredo in serving those customers or areas which the GRANTOR now services or hereafter serves within the City Limits in the future.

VI. REQUESTS FOR SERVICE

The GRANTEE shall, where necessary to supply any person(s), firm, corporation, association or entity who will contract with GRANTEE to use its commercial container refuse gathering and disposal services within the limits of the City of Laredo, and who have made written demand therefore and is not delinquent in the payment of collection charges due GRANTEE, construct the necessary service facilities on the property of each such person within one hundred eighty (180) days after such written demand therefore, unless prevented by causes beyond the control of the GRANTEE.

VII. RECORDS

A. The GRANTEE shall be required during the term of this franchise, or any extension thereto, to keep, and maintain in the City of Laredo complete books and records of the business carried on by

it in the City and showing its entire receipts, expenses and disbursements in connection with such business, route list by driver, which books and records shall be kept by competent accountants in the manner prescribed or approved by the City Council.

B. GRANTEE is required to keep and maintain in the City of Laredo during the life of this franchise, or any extension thereto, a complete inventory of its vehicles such as refuse front loaders, roll off trucks, containers and all other refuse equipment situated in the City of Laredo, showing the value thereof and its investments therein.

C. Said books, records, daily route list by driver and inventory shall be made available for inspection and verification by the City Council or any authorized official of the City of Laredo at their request.

D. City Council or any authorized official of the City of Laredo shall have the right at any reasonable time to audit the books, records or inventory of GRANTEE.

E. GRANTEE shall file full and complete reports with GRANTOR along with the franchise fee on the twentieth (20th) day following the end of each quarter, beginning the first day of the months of January, April, July and October, on the following:

- 1).** A list of all existing commercial accounts served, including customer name, address, frequency, pick-up, size of container (in cubic yards) or type of service and charge for same.
- 2).** A list of all new commercial accounts served, including customer name, address, frequency pick-up, size of container (in cubic yards) or type of service and charge for same, a pickup routing list by customers. Old and new routing lists must be kept on file.
- 3).** Names and addresses of commercial customers dropped from service for any reason and the reason, if available, that such customer was dropped from service.

4). A balance sheet showing the total gross receipts within the City of Laredo starting at a beginning and ending date for the previous quarter.

5). A statement by an authorized official of GRANTEE, under oath, attesting to and duly verifying the accuracy of all items covered in this section.

F. GRANTEE shall file a full and complete report with GRANTOR before the first day January every year on the following a list of all vehicles used in providing service and all vehicles which have been added to or removed from providing such service. Such list shall include state license number, year, make, model, and manufacturer's rated capacity for each vehicle.

G. GRANTOR may require the keeping of additional records or accounts reasonably necessary to determine the GRANTEE's compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

H. GRANTOR shall have the right to inspect GRANTEE's records, accounts and financial and operating information, including, but not limited to, customer lists, contracts and any other information clearly designated by the GRANTEE to be confidential or proprietary for the purpose of review to determine the GRANTEE's compliance with this franchise agreement. GRANTOR will not reproduce any confidential information not specifically required for documentation of audit issues. In the event that the GRANTOR requests a copy of confidential information, the GRANTEE may redact the customer name, service and billing addresses (other than zip code) and telephone number from any copy of confidential information provided to the GRANTOR, provided, however, that the GRANTEE shall retain the un-redacted original of the confidential information until notified by the GRANTOR of the close of the audit and shall provide the City with an un-redacted copy of confidential information upon request of the GRANTOR in the event of an audit dispute. If the GRANTEE fails or is unable to provide an un-redacted copy of confidential information to the

GRANTOR during an audit dispute, any issue with regard to the unavailable information shall be resolved in favor of the City. GRANTOR shall not disclose any confidential information reproduced for documentation of audit issues unless the City has received a request to review or copy confidential information under the Texas Public Information Act or related law (the “Act”). Upon receipt of such request, the City shall notify the GRANTEE that a request to review or copy confidential information has been submitted to the City.

VIII. PLACEMENT OF CONTAINERS

The location and placing of containers and other instrumentalities by the GRANTEE shall at all times be on private property only, and no containers or other instrumentalities shall be placed on public streets, sidewalks, or within the street right of way area.

IX. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

A. GRANTEE shall conform and comply with all city, county, state and federal laws, ordinances, provisions of the Charter of the City of Laredo, rules and regulations now in force and that may hereafter be adopted pertaining to the subject matter of this Ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in any manner to abridge the right of GRANTOR to pass or enforce necessary police, health, or safety regulations for the protection of its inhabitants.

B. All equipment and vehicles and all construction, disposal and other work done by the GRANTEE in the operating of its business shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations of the State of Texas and of the United States of America imposed upon the refuse gathering or disposal of refuse by the GRANTEE and/or the GRANTOR.

X. INDEMNIFICATION

THE GRANTEE HEREBY RELEASES AND DISCHARGES THE CITY FROM AND FURTHER COVENANTS AND WARRANTIES THAT IT WILL PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES, AND ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS “THE CITY”) FROM ANY AND ALL FINES, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, INJURIES OR CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING BY REASON OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH:

(A) THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ERRORS, INTENTIONAL ACTS, OMISSIONS OR NEGLIGENT ACTS OF THE GRANTEE (INCLUDING ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, BONDING COMPANIES, EMPLOYEES AND ANY OTHER PARTY EMPLOYED OR CONTRACTED BY GRANTEE TO PERFORM UNDER THIS FRANCHISE) RELATING TO THIS FRANCHISE; OR

(B) ANY ACTION OR FAILURE TO ACT BY THE GRANTEE (INCLUDING ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, BONDING COMPANIES, EMPLOYEES AND ANY OTHER PARTY EMPLOYED OR CONTRACTED BY THE GRANTEE TO PERFORM UNDER THIS FRANCHISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYSTEM OR THIS FRANCHISE; OR

(C) ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CITY (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE CITY’S CONCURRENT OR SOLE NEGLIGENCE) IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE CITY’S RECEIPT

OF INSURANCE POLICIES, ANY CITY APPROVALS OF ASSIGNMENTS AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACT OF THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH FULFILLING ITS DUTIES OR ENABLING THE GRANTEE TO BENEFIT FROM THE RIGHTS ALLOWED UNDER THIS FRANCHISE. THIS INDEMNITY CLAUSE SHALL APPLY TO THE GRANTEE WHETHER THE GRANTEE IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY OR NOT AS TO ANY MATTERS ARISING UNDER THIS INDEMNITY PROVISION FOR WHICH THE GRANTEE HAS AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE CITY. GRANTEE'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS INDEMNITY CLAUSE IS SEPARATE FROM ITS DUTIES UNDER THE INSURANCE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

XI. INSURANCE

GRANTEE shall procure, maintain and file with the City Secretary insurance as follows:

A. Workers Compensation. GRANTEE shall furnish a certificate of insurance indicating workers compensation coverage as required by the State of Texas.

B. Automobile Liability Insurance. GRANTEE shall carry in its own name, a policy in comprehensive form to insure the automobile liability of its operation with limits to not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury and, in addition, not less than One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) property damage. This policy shall name GRANTOR as an additional insured and provide for thirty (30) day notice to GRANTOR prior to cancellation. A certification of insurance showing such coverage shall be filed before the effective date of this franchise, and it shall be maintained in force during the term of this franchise and any extension.

C. General Liability. GRANTEE shall carry, in its own name, a comprehensive liability insurance policy including contractual coverage for operations other than automobile with limits of

not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per occurrence for property damage. The policy shall name the GRANTOR as a named insured and provide for thirty (30) day notice to GRANTOR prior to cancellation. A certificate of insurance certifying such coverage shall be filed before the effective date of this franchise and maintained in force during the term the franchise and any extension thereto.

XII. SERVICE STANDARD AND EQUIPMENT

GRANTEE shall maintain and operate its collection system and equipment in good order to render efficient service subject to the terms of this franchise. GRANTEE shall obtain and maintain in good working order sufficient equipment to provide regular service throughout the City of Laredo. The trucks used in the collection of garbage or refuse shall be all metal, water tight, and shall be equipped with closed bodies equipped with hydraulically operated devices for compacting collected garbage and meet all federal and state laws and regulations and are subject to approval by GRANTOR. GRANTEE shall not litter premises in the process of making collections nor allow any refuse to blow at all from any vehicle used for collection. Collection vehicles and all containers shall be painted and numbered and shall have the GRANTEE'S name and telephone number painted in letters of a contrasting color. All vehicles and containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

XIII. LANDFILL FACILITIES

A. GRANTEE agrees to use only the city municipal solid waste facilities for disposal or processing of municipal solid waste and industrial solid waste including but not limited to the city sanitary landfills, and other city municipal solid waste facilities such as transfer stations, to discharge municipal solid waste and industrial solid waste as defined in 30 TAC §330.2, that GRANTEE shall collect from its customers. GRANTEE shall pay all landfill fees on time associated with said use. It

is specifically understood, however, that the City is under no obligation to furnish sanitary landfills or other municipal solid waste disposing facilities to the GRANTEE. GRANTEE is granted a privilege to use the city municipal solid waste disposing and processing facilities. The permit granted to the GRANTEE is limited to the facilities normally operated by the GRANTOR for all municipal solid waste disposals or processing. If the GRANTOR'S facilities for any reason is not available for use, either temporarily or permanently, as determined by the City Council of the City of Laredo, or by any prohibited solid waste which cannot be accepted by the facilities, as determined by 30 TAC §330 or amended or replacement by a new section of TCEQ, the GRANTOR shall be under no obligation to furnish to the GRANTEE sanitary landfills, or any other municipal solid waste disposing and processing facilities.

B. GRANTEE, in its operation, shall comply with all requirements of the City of Laredo and the department of the city operating the city landfill or refuse disposal site including but not limited the hours designated for receiving refuse at the disposal site.

C. GRANTEE is considered a generator and transporter of waste and may be subject to environmental liability.

XIV. ASSIGNMENT

This franchise shall not be assigned without the prior consent of the City Council as expressed in an Ordinance passed by the Council. If consent is given, the terms of this franchise shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective administrators, successors, and assigns.

XV. NOTICES

All notices, payments, reports, statements or demands, which are given or made to either GRANTEE

or GRANTOR, as provided for in this ordinance, or incident to its terms, or in the exercise of the police power of the City, may be effected by personal delivery in writing or by certified mail, postage prepaid. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses below, but each Party may change its address by written notice in accordance with this section.

GRANTOR: **City of Laredo**
c/o City Manager
P. O. Box 579
Laredo, Texas 78042

GRANTEE: **GPI Equipment Leasing LLC DBA Trash Ninja**
c/o Israel Guzman III
2935 Melville Loop
Laredo, TX. 78041

XVI. OFFICE

GRANTEE shall establish and maintain an office with telephone service and shall keep said office open for business from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each and every day except for Saturday, Sunday and holidays which are recognized by the City for its general employees. Any telephone call received by GRANTEE shall be given prompt and courteous attention.

XVI. INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

In the event that service shall be interrupted for any reason for more than forty-eight (48) hours, GRANTOR shall have the right to make temporary independent arrangements for the purposes of continuing this necessary service to its residents in order to provide or protect the public health and safety. If the interruption in service mentioned herein continues for a period of seventy-two (72) hours, GRANTOR shall have the right to terminate the rights and privileges granted in this franchise.

XVII. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

A. The occurrence of any of the following shall be an event of default under this Agreement:

1). The GRANTEE has failed or refused to perform or observe the terms, provisions, conditions or covenants in this Agreement, or has wrongfully failed or refused to comply with the instructions of GRANTOR.

2). The GRANTEE has failed to comply with all local, state and federal laws governing the service provided under this Agreement, or GRANTEE's loss of or failure obtain any license, permit, and certification lawfully required by any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the GRANTEE's operations under this Agreement or pay any fee associated therewith; or

4). Filing by the GRANTEE of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy (court) or a petition or answer seeking an arrangement for its reorganization or the readjustment of its indebtedness under the Federal bankruptcy laws or under any other law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of all or substantially all of its property. In the event that any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, or similar proceeding is instituted by or against GRANTEE, or in the event GRANTEE makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the GRANTEE shall not assert or list this Agreement as an asset of such action.

B. If the GRANTEE defaults under section A above for a period of 30 days after the GRANTEE has been notified in writing by the City to cure the specific alleged violation or failure to comply, then the City may follow the procedures set forth herein to declare that all the GRANTEE's rights and privileges granted by this Agreement are terminated subject to City Council ratifying ordinance; provided that if the GRANTEE is alleged to be in violation of any material provision of this Agreement other than the payment of any fee due hereunder and if the GRANTEE commences efforts to cure the alleged violation(s) within 30 days after receipt of written notice and shall

thereafter prosecute the curative efforts with reasonable diligence until the curative efforts are completed, then the alleged violation(s) shall not be deemed a default and the City will take no further action at that time.

C. The City may terminate this Agreement for an uncured default after notice and opportunity to cure as provided in sections A and B above. Termination is final upon the effective date of City Council adoption of a City ordinance ratifying the termination. The City's written notice of default and opportunity to cure under section B above shall recite that City Council may vote on an ordinance to terminate this Franchise upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of the notice and shall include the causes and reasons for termination. The GRANTEE shall be provided the opportunity to appear before the City Council prior to the City Council's consideration of an ordinance to terminate this Franchise. Notice of the time, date, and place when the GRANTEE may appear before the City Council shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Upon any termination of this Franchise, all amounts owed by the GRANTEE to City shall immediately become due and payable and GRANTEE's obligation to pay such sums shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

D. In the event of an uncured noticed default hereunder, the City, at its sole option and discretion and without waiving such uncured default, may determine to: (a) maintain this Agreement in full force and effect and file suit against GRANTEE; (b) or pursue such other remedies as may be available to the City at law or in equity.

XVIII. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. THE GRANTEE EXPRESSLY AGREES THAT THE ACTUAL DAMAGES THAT MIGHT BE SUSTAINED BY THE CITY BY REASON OF THE GRANTEE'S VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE UNCERTAIN AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN, AND THAT PAYMENT SPECIFIED HEREIN REPRESENTS REASONABLE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO THE CITY FOR THE VIOLATION. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDIES OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO THE CITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT THE CITY MAY CHARGE TO AND COLLECT FROM GRANTEE THE FOLLOWING LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

1). FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE DATA, DOCUMENTS, REPORTS OR INFORMATION OR TO COOPERATE WITH THE CITY DURING AN AUDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION VII. ABOVE, THE CITY'S DAMAGES SHALL BE \$100.00 PER DAY.

2). FOR FAILURE OF THE GRANTEE TO COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE CITY'S DAMAGES SHALL BE \$200.00 PER DAY.

3). FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR WHICH A PENALTY IS NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED, THE CITY'S DAMAGES SHALL BE \$100.00 PER DAY.

B. GRANTOR MAY IMPOSE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES HEREUNDER UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE GRANTEE, IF AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTIETH DAY THE GRANTEE HAS FAILED TO EITHER REMEDY THE VIOLATION OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO.

C. ANY PAYMENTS DUE TO THE CITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FRANCHISE FEES NOR SHALL THE PAYMENTS BE OFFSET AGAINST THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION IV HEREIN.

XIX. VENUE

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas as to both interpretation and performance. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this agreement will be held in Webb County, Texas.

XX. SEVERABILITY

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstance, except for section 5 herein, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or its application to other person or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Laredo in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, void or invalidity, and all provisions are declared severable for that purpose.

XXI. CAPTIONS

Captions contained in this Franchise are for reference purposes only, and therefore will be given no effect in construing this Franchise and are not restrictive of the subject matter of any section of this Franchise. Any reference to gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neutral.

XXII. NON-WAIVER

Failure of either party hereto to insist on the strict performance of any of the terms and conditions

or to exercise any rights or remedies accruing hereunder upon a default or failure of performance shall not be considered a waiver of the right to insist on, and to enforce by any appropriate remedy, strict compliance with any other obligation hereunder or to exercise any right or remedy accruing as a result of any future default or failure of performance. Waiver of the City's rights hereunder may only be affected by a written instrument signed by the Director or Grantee, and approved by City Council.

XXIII. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and remedies of the City of Laredo are expressly saved as to any and all of the provisions of any ordinances which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

XXIV. WRITTEN AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only by an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council.

XXV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Franchise, having been published as required by the Charter of the City of Laredo, shall become effective on the 61st day following its final adoption by the City Council.

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO ON BEHALF OF GPI Equipment Leasing LLC DBA
Trash Ninja**

By: _____

Israel Guzman III

Printed Name of Officer or Authorized Person:

**Title: _____
(Capacity of Signer)**

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2024.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WEBB

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I, Mario I. Maldonado, Jr. City Secretary of the City of Laredo, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing acceptance was received and filed in the office of the City Secretary of the City of Laredo on the _____ day of 2024.

EXECUTED under my hand and official seal of the City of Laredo in the said City this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mario I. Maldonado, Jr.
City Secretary

(SEAL)

Joseph W. Neeb
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Doanh T. Nguyen,
City Attorney

Exhibit A

Roll Off Services:

Container Size	1 Week Hauling Fee	Extra Hauling Fee	Additional Tonnage
15 Yds	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$41.50
20 Yds	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$41.50
25 Yds	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$41.50

Plus all applicable taxes