

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-103

AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER III, SECTION 3.2 ENTITLED “STREETS AND ALLEYS,” BY ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR BLOCK LENGTH AND BLOCK WIDTH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo Subdivision Ordinance regulates the subdivision of land with the corporate limits and extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Laredo;

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 N. 1. of the Subdivision Ordinance establishes minimum and maximum block length requirements for subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Ordinance, however, does not currently define how block length is to be distinguished from block width;

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to amend the Subdivision Ordinance to clarify the definitions of block length and block width in order to provide consistent interpretation and administration of the subdivision regulations; and

WHEREAS, notice of the ordinance amendment was advertised in the newspaper at least three (3) days prior to the public hearing held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on this matter;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2026 the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing which was subsequently recessed and reconvened on April 16, 2026, at which time the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment;

WHEREAS, notice of the ordinance amendment was advertised in the newspaper at least fifteen (15) days prior to the public hearing held before the City Council on this matter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on May 18, 2026, and found the proposed ordinance amendment appropriate, necessary and consistent with the Laredo Comprehensive Plan, and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

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

Section 1: Chapter III, Section 3.2 N. 1. of the Laredo Subdivision Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

N. Blocks and Street Lengths.

1. Block Lengths shall be measured from property corner to property corner along the block face having the greatest dimension or along the block face on which the greatest number of lots face, whichever is greater (See Figure 1). In the case of a dead-end street, the block length shall be measured from the point at which the centerlines at the nearest intersecting street converges then along the centerline of the dead-end street to the center point of the cul-de-sac (See figure 2).

Block widths shall be measured from property corner to property corner along the block face having the least dimension or along the block face on which the fewest number of lots face, whichever is less (See Figure 1).

- a. Block lengths shall not exceed one thousand two hundred feet (1,200) or be less than three hundred (300) feet, except as may be required by the Commission in the proper projection of existing major thoroughfares, and on existing platted blocks.
- ~~a.~~ b. Block lengths and street lengths may be waived by the Planning and Zoning Commission provided that the waiver is requested in writing, incorporates traffic impact mitigation measures into a site plan, which is then submitted in conjunction with a preliminary plat/replat application.
- ~~b.~~ c. No block length waiver may be granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission unless traffic impact mitigation measures comply with standards (herein adopted as minimum standards) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (Latest Edition) and as set out in the "Transportation and Land Development Manual (Latest Edition)".
- ~~c.~~ d. No block length waiver may be granted which modifies the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan or the Thoroughfare Plan of the Comprehensive Plan addressing thoroughfares, highways, arterials, and collectors, or of the proper extension of any street.
- ~~d.~~ e. A block length waiver shall not compromise safety.

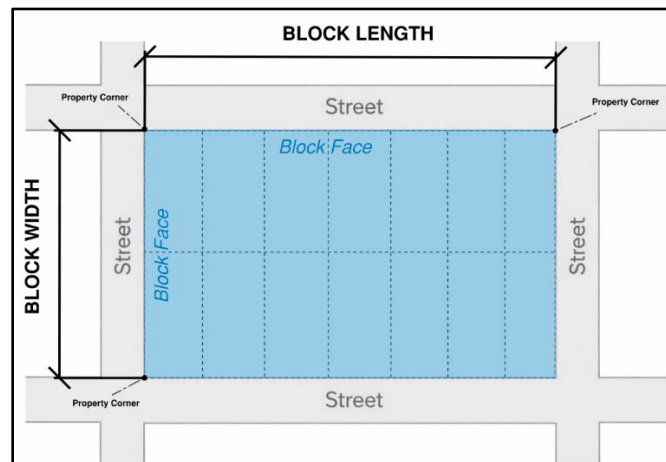


Figure 1

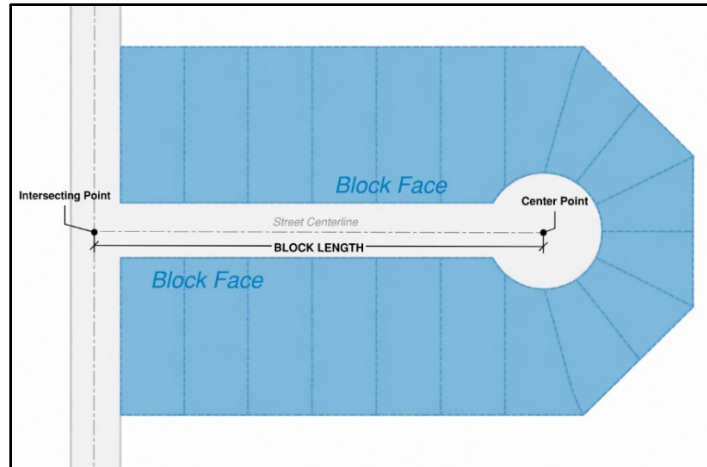


Figure 2

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Cumulative - 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 6. Severability - 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 7. Open Meeting – The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting as required by the Open Meeting Law, Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during the which this ordinance and the subject matter was

considered and approves confirms such written notice and the contents and posting hereof.

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

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**MARIO MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**