

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-032

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S REVISED NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM (NCP) IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) RECORD OF APPROVAL. THE NCP WAS PREPARED PURSUANT TO 14 CFR PART 150. THE REVISED NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHES A STANDARDIZED PROCESS FOR ASSESSING AIRCRAFT NOISE EXPOSURE AND IDENTIFYING MEASURES TO PROMOTE COMPATIBLE LAND USE IN AREAS SURROUNDING AIRPORTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo owns and operates Laredo International Airport (LRD); and

WHEREAS, aircraft noise is an unavoidable consequence of aviation activity and may affect land uses surrounding the Airport; and

WHEREAS, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150 (14 CFR Part 150) establishes a voluntary process for airport sponsors to prepare Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) and a Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) to identify noncompatible land uses and recommend measures to prevent or mitigate aircraft noise impacts; and

WHEREAS, Laredo International Airport completed an update to its Noise Compatibility Program in 2025 to reflect current operational conditions, updated aviation activity forecasts, revised noise modeling, and public involvement; and

WHEREAS, updated Noise Exposure Maps for the years 2019 and 2026 were submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and accepted as complying with 14 CFR Part 150 on August 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the final 2025 Noise Compatibility Program Update was submitted to the FAA on March 14, 2025, and the FAA completed its review and issued formal approval of the recommended measures; and

WHEREAS, the FAA-approved 2025 Noise Compatibility Program Update recommends eight (8) measures for implementation, consisting of four (4) Land Use Measures and four (4) Administrative Measures; and

WHEREAS, the Noise Compatibility Program Update is consistent with the goals and policies of the Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan related to compatible land use, public health and safety, infrastructure planning, and coordinated governance; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Noise Compatibility Program Update preserves the City's eligibility for federal funding assistance for noise mitigation programs, subject to future appropriations and environmental review requirements.

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

Section 1: Adoption of the Noise Compatibility Program.

The City Council hereby adopts and approves the 2025 Noise Compatibility Program Update for Laredo International Airport, as reviewed and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to 14 CFR Part 150, including all exhibits, figures, maps, and appendices referenced therein..

Section 2: Acknowledgement of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Approval.

The City Council acknowledges that the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a **Record of Approval** for the Noise Compatibility Program Update, finding the recommended measures to be consistent with the purposes of 14 CFR Part 150. Such approval does not obligate the FAA to provide funding nor does it constitute approval of specific implementation actions.

Section 3: Authorization to Implement Approved Measures.

The City Council authorizes the Airport Director, or designee, to implement the FAA-approved measures, subject to applicable City approvals, funding availability, environmental review requirements, and coordination with relevant City departments.

The approved measures include:

A. Land Use Measures

1. Modification and expansion of the Airport Noise Specific Use Zoning Overlay District.
2. Continued enforcement of building code requirements to achieve interior noise levels of DNL 45 dB or less.
3. Maintenance of the sound insulation program and eligibility criteria.
4. Modification of the Noise Mitigation Program Area based on updated FAA-accepted Noise Exposure Maps.

B. Administrative Measures

1. Maintenance of a noise management and complaint tracking process.

2. Acquisition and use of an aircraft operations and flight tracking system.
3. Periodic updates to Noise Exposure Maps as required by federal regulation.
4. Future updates to the Noise Compatibility Program when warranted by operational changes.

Section 4: Coordination with City Codes and Policies.

Implementation of the Noise Compatibility Program Update shall be coordinated with the **City of Laredo Land Development Code**, including Appendix N and Ordinance No. 94-0-012, and any future amendments thereto. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to amend zoning or building regulations except through separate action of the City Council as required by law.

Section 5: Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6: Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the City Charter.

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

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
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CITY ATTORNEY