

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-092

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1,
SECTION 2-16, "DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY" OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REMOVING BUILDING
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, TRAFFIC, AND ANIMAL
CARE SERVICES AS NAMED DEPARTMENTS AND ADD
MARKETING & COMMUNICATONS TO THE LIST OF
DEPARTMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR
PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH;
PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE
CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 of the City Charter anticipates the occasional need for the Council to reconsider the administration and delivery of City services by restructuring the departmental organization of the City government by removing and/or consolidating departments under the administrative control of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that Section 4.01 (A) of the City Charter empowers the Council to delegate to the City Manager the authority to transfer obligations of certain departments between departments to provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness of the City's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the removal of Building Development Services, Traffic, and Animal Care Services Departments from the listed Departments and will consolidate these services under other various departments.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the addition of the Marketing and Communications Department to the list of named departments.

**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 2, Article 2, Division 1, Section 2-16 entitled " Departments of the City" is hereby amended as follows:

(a) [*City departments.*] The departments of the city are as follows:

- (1) Human resources;
- (2) Financial services;
- (3) Health;

- (4) Parks and leisure services;
- (5) Community development;
- (6) Engineering;
- (7) Public works;
- (8) Utilities;
- (9) Fire
- (10) Planning and zoning;
- ~~(11) [Building development services;]~~
- ~~(12)~~ (11) Information services and telecommunications;
- ~~(13)~~ (12) Tax;
- ~~(14)~~ (13) Library;
- ~~(15)~~ (14) Police;
- ~~(16)~~ (15) City attorney;
- ~~(17)~~ (16) Municipal court;
- ~~(18)~~ (17) City secretary;
- ~~(19)~~ (18) City manager;
- ~~(20)~~ (19) Convention and visitor's bureau;
- ~~(21)~~ (20) Airport;
- ~~(22)~~ (21) Bridge;
- ~~(23)~~ (22) Budget;
- ~~(24)~~ (23) Fleet management;
- ~~(25)~~ ~~[Traffic;]~~
- ~~(26)~~ ~~[Animal care services.]~~
- ~~(27)~~ (24) Economic development;
- ~~(28)~~ (25) Environmental and Solid Waste Services;
- ~~(29)~~ (26) Marketing & Communications

* Transit (contracted services)

Section 2. Chapter 2 of the City Code of Laredo Texas, as Amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON

THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

MARIO MALDONADO, JR
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTOREY

