

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-112

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (“MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), ARTICLE VIII (“STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING”), SECTION 19-355(b) (“PARKING VIOLATIONS”), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, BY INCREASING THE PARKING VIOLATION FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is authorized pursuant to its home-rule authority and the laws of the State of Texas to regulate traffic and parking within its municipal boundaries in order to promote public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas establishes regulations governing motor vehicles and traffic, including provisions related to stopping, standing, and parking; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-355(b) currently establishes a schedule of fines for parking violations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the existing parking violation fees no longer adequately deter violations or reflect current enforcement, administrative, and operational costs incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, increasing parking violation fees will promote greater compliance with parking regulations, improve traffic flow, enhance public safety, and ensure the efficient use of limited parking resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public to amend Section 19-355(b) to revise and increase the parking violation fee schedule.

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

Section 1. Section 19-355(b) of Chapter 19, Article VIII of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows: words and phrases to be removed are enclosed in brackets and indicated with strikethrough, and new language is underlined and italicized, as provided herein.

Sec. 19-355. Administrative adjudication of stopping, standing and parking violations.

- (a) *Establishment of administrative adjudication.* A violation of a provision of this Code governing the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle is a civil offense.
- (b) *Parking violations.*
 - (1) *Fines for parking violations.* In the event that a vehicle is parked in violation of the provisions of this article, the owner or person with control over the vehicle shall be subject to a penalty. The penalty for a violation of this article shall be dependent on the particular violation and shall be by fine only. The schedule of civil fines as penalty for violations of this article is as follows:

Parking Violation	Parking Fine If Paid Within 14 Days		Proposed Additional Fine After 14 Days		Proposed Additional Fine After 60 Days	
Expired Meter	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
No Parking (Loading Zone)	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
No Parking	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Blocking Driveway	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked within 20 Feet of Intersection	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Double Parked	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked in Red Curb	\$40.00	<u>85.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked in a Fire Zone	\$50.00	<u>85.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parking within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant	\$50.00	<u>85.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked in a Disabled Space	\$500.00		\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Disabled Parking Violation	\$250.00		\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Blocking Crosswalk	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Blocking Alley	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked over 18 Inches from Curb	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked on Sidewalk	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked in Taxi Stand (No Parking)	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked Between Two Meter Spaces	\$20.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked within 50 Feet of Railroad Crossing	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Obstructing Flow of Traffic	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Parked Against Traffic Flow	\$25.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Oversized Vehicle	\$125.00	<u>200.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Commercial Vehicle Parked in Residential Area	\$65.00	<u>85.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>
Other	\$15.00	<u>35.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>	\$10.00	<u>20.00</u>

[Original parking fines not paid within fourteen (14) days of violation date will be charged a late fee after fourteen (14) and sixty (60) days.]

The civil fines listed above or any civil fine imposed for a violation of this article may be paid by mail, internet or by personal appearance at the ~~[parking enforcement division office]~~ locations designated by the city manager or designee.

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 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**