

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-88**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” ARTICLE III, SECTION 19-70, ENTITLED “INVESTIGATION,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS; BY INCREASING THE PROPERTY DAMAGE THRESHOLD FROM FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); BY REMOVING CERTAIN LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo seeks to update its ordinances to reflect current enforcement standards and thresholds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to amend Section 19-70 of Chapter 19, Article III to increase the minimum property damage threshold and streamline the scope of officer authority;

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

**Section 1.** Section 19-70 of Chapter 19, Article III 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. 19-70. Investigation.**

Upon notification of a law enforcement officer by the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or total property damage to an apparent extent of [~~fifty dollars~~] one thousand dollars [~~(\$50.00)~~] (\$1,000.00) or more, the officer may investigate the accident and file any justifiable charges relating thereto. [~~without regard to whether the accident occurred on a public street or highway or other public property, on a road owned and controlled by any water control and improvement district, whether or not a fee is charged for the use of the road, or on private property commonly used by the public such as supermarket or shopping center, parking lots, parking areas provided by business establishments for the convenience of their customers, clients or patrons, parking lots owned and operated by the city or any other parking area owned and operated for the convenience of, and commonly used by, the public; provided, however, this section shall not apply to accidents occurring on privately owned residential parking areas or on privately owned parking lots where a fee charged for the privilege of parking or storing a motor vehicle.~~]

**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.**

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**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO  
MAYOR**

**ATTESTED:**

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**MARIO MALDONADO  
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN  
CITY ATTORNEY**

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**JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ  
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**