

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY ORGANIZED RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OR SECT THAT SEEKS TO OPERATE A CEMETERY, OR USE ANY LAND FOR INTERMENT OF REMAINS ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, House Bill 2732 provides a limited time window for a religious society or sect to apply to operate within the limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2732 requires a municipality to establish an ordinance detailing information required to be submitted on an application to operate a cemetery within a municipality;

WHEREAS, not later than September 1, 2024, an organized religious society or sect may file a written application with the governing body of a municipality to establish or use a cemetery within the boundaries of a municipality;

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

Section 1. Application Requirements

(a) Any religious society or sect seeking to operate a cemetery or use any land for internment of remains on property within the boundaries of the City of Laredo must submit a written application to the City of Laredo with the following information:

1. Name of the organization.
2. Location of the land intended to be used for cemetery or internment purposes.
3. Submit in writing the above listed requirements to the City of Laredo.

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with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.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. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____ 2024.**

DR. VICTOR TREVINO, JR.
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

MARIO MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH “ZONE” NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY