

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-148

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 6, “ANIMALS AND FOWL,”
ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL” OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES SECTION 6-119 “REGISTRATION,
VACCINATION AND PERMIT FEES” TO UPDATE
SECTION 6-119 “REGISTRATION, VACCINATION, AND
PERMIT FEES” TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF FEES;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, City of Laredo Public Health Department, Division of Animal Services is amending fees for services provided in order to address current operational needs; and,

WHEREAS, services are an essential part of public health and safety.

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

Section 1: Chapter 6, “Animal and Fowl.” Article I “In General” of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

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Chapter 6 – Fees for services.

Sec. 6-119. – Registration, vaccination and permit fees.

Registration fees will not go into effect until [~~August 1, 2011~~] October 1, 2025.

- (a) (1) Spayed or neutered dog or cat registration fee~~[\$2.00]~~ \$10.00
(2) Intact dog or cat registration fee~~[\$5.00]~~ \$20.00
(3) Reserved.
(4) Microchip fee is the actual cost plus any associated costs (shipping, handling and sales tax if appropriate).
(5) An administrative fee not to exceed twelve dollars (\$12.00) will be added (if chip is inserted by health department) in addition to the cost of the microchip.
- (b) (1) Spayed or neutered dog or cat rabies vaccination fee\$12.00
(2) Intact dog or cat rabies vaccination fee\$12.00
- (c) Litter permit fee/per litter/dog~~[\$15.00]~~ \$100.00
- (d) Special permit fee\$15.00
- (e) Circuses permit fee/event~~[\$200.00]~~ \$500.00
- (f) Grooming shop permit fee~~[\$25.00]~~ \$100.00
- (g) Performing animal exhibit permit fee (horse show, dog show)/event~~[\$25.00]~~ \$100.00
- (h) Pet store/pet shop permit fee:
(1) Selling only birds, fish, mice, rats and gerbils~~[\$25.00]~~ \$100.00

- (2) All other pet stores~~[\$50.00]~~ \$300.00
- (i) Petting zoo permit fee (temporary; less than ten (10) days)~~[\$25.00]~~ \$50.00
- (j) Rodeo permit fee~~[\$200.00]~~ \$500.00
- (k) Lost or damaged animal traps fee\$50.00
- (l) Tissue fee (animal brain diagnostic) for preparation, processing, and shipment\$50.00
- (m) Dangerous dog registration fee\$100.00
- (n) Livestock fee\$200.00
- (o) Impoundment fee~~[\$15.00]~~ \$20.00
 Observation~~[\$25.00]~~ \$30.00
- (p) Boarding and care/day\$10.00
 For livestock\$20.00
- (q) Voluntary surrender~~[\$15.00]~~ \$50.00
- (r) Adoption fee\$60.00
- ~~{(t)}~~ (s) Trainer permit fee\$25.00
- ~~{(u)}~~ (t) Vaccine Bundle Fee \$40.00
 Includes Bordatella, Distemper, Rabies Vaccine & Microchip)

(Ord. No. 2010-O-029, § 1, 3-15-10; Ord. No. 2011-O-093, § 1, 7-18-11; Ord. No. 2012-O-097, § 1, 7-16-12; [Ord. No. 2013-O-004, § 1, 2-4-13](#); [Ord. No. 2014-O-117, § 1, 9-15-14](#))

This section does not and is not intended to exempt, change or modify the terms of any governing federal or state regulations which apply to the provision of animal care and service.

The City Manager “or designee” has the discretion to waive fees and costs during special circumstances, such as public health outbreaks, promotional events, and/(or) for high-risk populations and other affected groups.

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 City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. That after its passage by City Council, this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time and become effective not less than sixty (60) days from the date of the public hearing on this Ordinance, in accordance with the City Charter.

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

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY**

**AMBER R. HOLMES
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**