

**2024-O-004**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, "HEALTH AND SANITATION," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL", SECTION 15-4. "HEALTH DEPARTMENT," OF THE CITY OF LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING CLARIFICATION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME AND SERVICES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City of Laredo to provide for the public health, safety and welfare of its residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo is amending and clarifying the name of the department to the Laredo Public Health Department.

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

**Section 1:** Chapter 15 "Health and Sanitation," 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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**Sec. 15-4. – Public Health department.**

**I. Generally.**

- (a) The entity known as the Laredo-Webb County Health Department is hereby abolished.
- (b) The **Public** Health Department of the City of Laredo is hereby created and established pursuant to section 4.01(A) of the Charter.
- (c) The director of the department shall be appointed by the city manager as provided in section 3.04(1) of the Charter.
- (d) The director shall have supervision and control over the department subject to direction and supervision of the city manager as provided in section 4.01(B) of the Charter.
- (e) The **public** health department hereby created shall be a local **public** health department as defined in the Local Public Health and Reorganization Act. To the extent that it receives support for the provision of health services, then the Uniform Grant and Management Act of 1981 (Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 4413(32g)), and standards adopted pursuant to that act shall control where applicable. The **public** health department shall provide the following public health services for the residents of the city;
  - (1) Personal health promotion and maintenance services;
  - (2) Infectious disease control and prevention services;

- (3) Environmental and consumer health programs for enforcement of health and safety laws related to food, water, waste control, general sanitation, and vector control;
  - (4) Public health education and information services;
  - (5) Laboratory services; and
  - (6) Administrative services.
- (f) Subject to the approval of the city council, hereinafter the city by and through its public health department, may enter into contracts or grant agreements with state and federal agencies for the provision of additional public health services for the residents of the city.
- (g) As provided for in the Local Public Health Reorganization Act, the city council may hereafter cooperate with the county and other incorporated municipalities in the county, in making necessary improvements and providing services to promote the public health, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement or agreements entered into under authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 4413(32c).

**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:** 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.**

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**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

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

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**AMBER HOLMES**  
**ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**