

**ORDINANCE 2026-O- \_\_\_\_**

**AN INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ACTIVATE THE LAREDO FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE ENGINE 3016 BY RECLASSIFYING NINE (9) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS TO THE POSITIONS OF THREE (3) CAPTAINS, THREE (3) FIRE DRIVERS, THREE (3) FIRE ASSISTANT DRIVERS, AND FIFTEEN (15) CADETS TO FIREFIGHTERS. THE ENGINE WILL BE LOCATED AT FIRE STATION #14, 5309 CIELITO LINDO BLVD., FOR THE FUTURE BUENA VISTA FIRE STATION #16. THE MOBILIZATION OF THIS ENGINE WILL PROVIDE QUICK RESPONSES AND PROTECTION TO SOUTH LAREDO. THE RECLASSIFICATION FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, during the City Council meeting held on April 20, 2026, City Council directed staff to fund the reclassification of nine (9) Firefighter positions to three (3) Captain positions, three (3) Fire Driver positions, three (3) Fire Assistant Driver positions, and fifteen (15) cadets to firefighters. The reclassification funding is available in the Laredo Fire Department General Fund

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide the infrastructure and structural organization to conduct the necessary functions and operations within the Laredo Fire Department Emergency, and therefore, provide for the safety and security of the community at a local level.

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

**The City of Laredo Fire Department budget authorized personnel are amended as follows:**

| <u><b>Current Positions</b></u> | <u><b>Proposed Positions</b></u> | <u><b>Increase/Decrease</b></u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Fire Chief                    | 1 Fire Chief                     | 0                               |
| 1 Assistant Fire Chief          | 1 Assistant Fire Chief           | 0                               |
| 1 Fire Marshal                  | 1 Fire Marshal                   | 0                               |
| 3 Deputy Chiefs                 | 3 Deputy Chiefs                  | 0                               |
| 15 District Chiefs              | 15 District Chiefs               | 0                               |
| 73 Captains                     | 76 Captains                      | 3                               |
| 61 Drivers                      | 64 Drivers                       | 3                               |

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|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 57 Assistant Drivers   | 60 Assistant Drivers   | 3 |
| 219 Firefighter/Cadets | 219 Firefighter/Cadets | 0 |

**PASSED BY THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**DOANH T. NGUYEN**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

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