

ORDINANCE 2024-O-148

AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2020 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on 4th day of October 2021, by Ordinance No. 2021-O-199 the City Council adopted the 2017 edition the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, newer editions of those codes are now recommended for adoption; and

WHEREAS, these codes are designed to secure the public health and safety through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the built environment, including alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use, and occupancy of building structures, or premises by regulation the installation and maintenance of all buildings; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the above-referenced newer edition of the National Electrical Code will facilitate comprehensive inspection activities by the Building Development Service Department of City of Laredo relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the City of Laredo.

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

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Electricity, Article I, Section 11-2 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 11.2. Code—Adopted.

The National Electrical Code, ~~2017~~ 2020 edition, providing rules and regulations and requirements for the installation of electrical wiring and apparatus, is hereby adopted as a standard for the installation of all electrical wiring and apparatus and fixtures, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter; and is made a part of this chapter, as if set out herein in full; however, should there be any conflict between the provisions of this chapter and the National Electrical Code, the provisions of this chapter shall govern and control. The city shall enforce V.T.C.A., Occupation Code ch. 1305, administrated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

Section 2. That if any section, subsection sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Laredo hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared

unconstitutional.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**