

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE VIII, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SUB-SECTION (N) TO PROHIBIT THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON A PUBLIC STREET WITHIN 8 FEET OF A MAILBOX; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, tow services provide a necessary service to allow law enforcement to clear the scene of accidents and to impound vehicles when the law requires; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo does not operate a tow service and is dependent on private tow service businesses to perform the necessary wrecker services; and;

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo tow service fees are currently less than half of what the State of Texas allows tow services to charge and the City seeks to raise the allowable tow service fee to keep up with the amount allowed by the State.

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 19, Article VIII, is hereby amended as follows:

19-347- Prohibited in specified places.

(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

(1) *Stop, stand or park a vehicle:*

A. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

b. On a sidewalk;

c. Within an intersection;

d. On a crosswalk;

e. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;

- f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- g. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;
- h. On any railroad track;
- I. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- j. In any place or manner so as to restrict the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

k. On any public street, alley, or other public place or property belonging to the city by any vehicle exceeding thirty-five (35) feet in length or ten (10) feet in width, without a permit in writing issued by the traffic manager.

l. On any traffic island or median strip. As used herein, the term "traffic island" refers to a an object in a road that channelizes traffic or a small strip of island between roads that intersects at an acute angle. The term "median strip" refers to a long, intervening strip, physical barrier or dividing section that separates a street, parkway, boulevard, or highway into two (2) or more roadways and includes the curb, if any, at the outer edge of said area.

m. No person shall stop, stand, or park overnight any agricultural vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, semitrailer, trailer, or truck tractor, irrespective of length or width, on any public street, alley, or other public place or property belonging to the city.

(n) It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a public street between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday through Saturday, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers or engage in loading or unloading of merchandise, within 8 feet of a mailbox used for delivery of United States Mail. The penalty for this violation is the same as a violation for "No Parking" under 19-355.

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. This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of the public hearing.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____DAY OF _____2025.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

**MARIO MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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