

2023-O-029

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE I, OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 15-16 TO BE
ENTITLED “DETOXIFICATION DEPARTMENT”
ESTABLISHING A DETOXIFICATION DEPARTMENT;
DESIGNATING A DIRECTOR WITH SUPERVISORY
RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE DEPARTMENT;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo obtained funds from the Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and funds from Municipal Court to establish and operate a Detoxification Center to provide court-appointed and voluntary substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, in order to adequately address these growing concerns within our community, the City Council deems it necessary to create a new department with the primary purpose of administering local and state laws pertaining to substance abuse treatments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of this matter, the City Council deems it advisable, and in the best interest of the general welfare of the City and its citizens, to amend Chapter 15 of the City Code as set out below.

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

Section 1: The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article I, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 15-16—Detoxification Department

I. Generally.

- a. The Detoxification Department of the City of Laredo is hereby created and established pursuant to section 4.01(a) of the Charter.
- b. The director for the department shall be appointed by the City Manager as provided in section 3.04(1) of the Charter.
- c. The director shall have supervision and control over the department subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager as provided in section 4.01(B) of the Charter.
- d. The detoxification department hereby created shall be a department within the City of Laredo. The main objective of the detoxification department will be to provide detoxification services to individuals directly affected by substance use by providing client-centered treatment by trained and culturally competent staff. The goals of the department are:
 - i. To minimize the physical harm caused by the use of substances.
 - ii. to reduce substance use in our community by providing effective treatment interventions.

- iii. maintain stability in families affected by substance abuse,
- iv. improve individual functioning in life domains, and
- v. to improve the safety and well-being of the community.
- vi. Improve health literacy levels - education and awareness of detoxification services and overdose prevention
- e. Subject to the approval of the city council, hereinafter the city by and through its detoxification department, may enter into contracts or grant agreements with state and federal agencies for the provision of additional services for the residents of the city.

Section 2: Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Chapter be adjusted or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Chapter in whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

Section 3: The provisions of this Chapter shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Chapter are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This Chapter shall not be construed to require or allow any act that is prohibited by any other ordinance.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS

6th DAY OF February, 2023.


 DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
 CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:





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CITY ATTORNEY

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 02/06/2023

Initiated By: Rosario Cabello, Interim City Manager

Staff Source: Richard A. Chamberlain, DrPH, MPH, CPHA, CHW, RS, Health Director

SUBJECT

2023-O-029 Amending Chapter 15, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 15-16 to be entitled "Detoxification Department" establishing a Detoxification Department; designating a Director with supervisory responsibility over the department; providing a severability clause and an effective date.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On January 24, 2023, Council approved Introductory Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo obtained funds from the Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and funds from Municipal Court to establish and operate a Detoxification Center to provide court-appointed and voluntary substance abuse treatment; and, in order to adequately address these growing concerns within our community, the City Council deems it necessary to create a new department with the primary purpose of administering local and state laws pertaining to substance abuse treatments; and after careful consideration of this matter, the City Council deems it advisable, and in the best interest of the general welfare of the City and its citizens, to amend Chapter 15 of the City Code.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approves Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year: 2023

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds: Laredo Detox Center

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Financial Impact

Attachments

