

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-215

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III (TOW SERVICES), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FEES FOR TOWS UNDER THIS SECTION TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE ALLOWED MAXIMUM; AND ALLOWING FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO REMOVE A TOW SERVICE FROM THE "ROTATION LIST" FOR NON-COMPLIANCE; 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 32, Article III, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 32-84. - Rotation list established.

(a) Authority. The chief of police is hereby authorized to establish and maintain two (2) rotation lists, the "standard wrecker rotation list" and the "heavy-duty wrecker rotation list."

(b) Compliance. It shall be unlawful for any tow service which desires to be placed upon and remain on any rotation list to fail to comply with the requirements of this article and with all other rules and regulations which may be issued by the police regarding towing or storage by tow services.

(c) Hours of availability. All tow services on any rotation list shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week during their week on the rotation list to accept towing and storage requests.

(d) The chief of police shall have the authority to remove a tow service from the rotation list if the tow service is in violation of sub-section (b) of this section.

(e) Prior to removal from the rotation list, a tow service shall be given written notice of the tow service's non-compliance with the requirements of this article. The written notice shall serve as a final warning to the tow

service and said tow service will be subject to immediate removal from the rotation list upon any subsequent failures to comply with this section.

Sec. 32-92. - Towing fees.

(a) Tow fees. Tow services on any rotation list shall charge the following fees for any tow requested by police from the rotation list:

Tow fees

Service	Amount
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Regular Tow (10,000 lbs or less).....\$255

Medium Tow (10,001-24,999 lbs).....\$350

Heavy Tow (25,000 lbs or more)..... \$450 per unit or a maximum of \$900

Weight, for purposes of this section, shall be determined by the gross weight recorded on the vehicle registration.

~~[Average tow\$ 110.00]~~

All city passenger cars and light trucks (tire size not to exceed seventeen (17) inches) to include vehicles picked up without consent by police for processing and evidence 50.00

~~[Heavy-duty wrecker tow if the vehicle is unloaded shall be this total amount regardless of whether a tow is performed on a single-unit vehicle or a tractor and trailer-type vehicle. The tractor and trailer will be considered to be a single unit for the purposes of the tow charge 200.00]~~

~~[Heavy-duty wrecker tow if the vehicle is loaded with freight shall be this total amount regardless of whether a tow is performed on a single-unit vehicle or a tractor and trailer-type vehicle. The tractor and trailer will be considered to be a single unit for the purposes of the tow charge 275.00]~~

Additional fee if dolly is used in tow 40.00

Additional fee when a winch is used (one-time charge) 75.00

Additional fee if required to remove a drive shaft or axle on a heavy-duty wrecker tow 32.00

Additional fee if a heavy-duty wrecker is used and takes longer than two (2) hours. The hourly fee shall be inclusive of all services performed by the heavy-duty wrecker and shall be determined starting from the time when the wrecker reports to the scene and shall stop when the actual towing, lifting or transporting job is completed, for each additional hour over two (2) hours 55.00

Lockouts 65.00

All city passenger cars and trucks- tows and tire changes 50.00

(b) Tow in progress. If the vehicle owner is at or comes upon the scene where a wrecker is attempting to tow a vehicle, and the owner does not desire the vehicle to be towed, no charge shall be made and the vehicle owner

shall be allowed to take possession of the vehicle if the vehicle has not been hooked up by the wrecker. If the motor vehicle has been lawfully hooked up to the wrecker, but not towed from the scene, the vehicle shall be released to the owner upon payment of one-half the regular tow fee.

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.

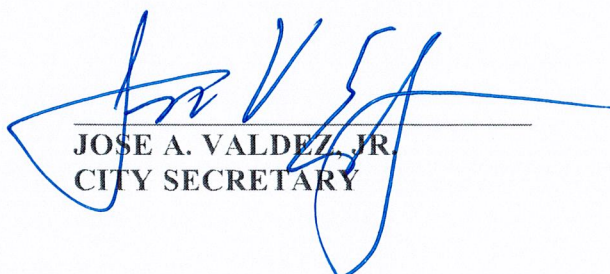
Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of the public hearing.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
10th DAY OF November 2023.



DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

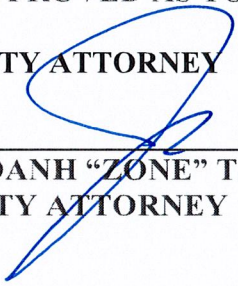


JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY


DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY

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City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 11/06/2023

Initiated By: Jose A. Valdez Jr., Assistant City Manager/City Secretary

Initiated By: Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen

Staff Source: Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen

SUBJECT

2023-O-215 An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 32, Article III (tow services) of the code of ordinances to adjust the maximum allowable fees for tows under this section to align with the state allowed maximum; and allowing for the chief of police to remove a tow service from the "rotation list" for non-compliance.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Approved and introduced at the October 16 Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Attachments

tow fees ordinance

Trucks, SUVs & Vans

2006 Nissan Titan, Gray, A/C,
Side Steps, 4 Door: \$4,300.
(956) 955-0350 or
(210) 974-3567

Legal Bids & Proposals

City of Laredo Purchasing Division

Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the City of Laredo is now accepting sealed bids, subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Invitation for Bids and other contract provisions, for awarding an annual contract to provide the City of Laredo with crane rental and operation services on an as-needed basis for the Utilities Department. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Finance Department - Purchasing Division, 5512 Thomas Ave., Laredo, Texas 78041 or by downloading from our website: www.cityoflaredo.com or through Cit-E-Bid: <https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. Hand delivered bids will be received at the City Secretary Office, 1110 Houston St. 3rd floor, Laredo, Texas 78040 until 5:00 P.M. on November 20, 2023, and all bids received will be opened and read publicly at 10:00 A.M. at the Office of the City Secretary on November 21, 2023.

Hand delivered bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

Bid: Crane Rental & Operation Services - Utilities Department
FY24-020

Bids can be downloaded and submitted through Cit-E-Bid:
<https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

Hand Delivered:
City of Laredo - City Secretary
C/O Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Hall - Third Floor
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, Texas 78040

The City of Laredo reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any minor irregularities.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL ON THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

[Signature]
Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Secretary
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-211

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A WAREHOUSE/TRUCKING COMPANY ON LOT 3, BLOCK 1, STACY ALYSON YOUNG SUBDIVISION AND APPROXIMATELY 0.1928 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF A 1161.66 ACRE TRACT OUT OF PORCION 27, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECORD IN VOLUME 209, PAGES 487-489, WEBB COUNTY DEED RECORDS, LOCATED AT 3804 CASA BLANCA LAKE ROAD AND NORTH OF EAST SAUNDERS STREET AND WEST OF CASA BLANCA LAKE ROAD, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-210

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 1.50 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO J&H RENTALS, TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 3262, PAGES 731-740, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, LISTED AS ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL TRACTS SITUATED IN PORCION NUMBER 32, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING OUT OF TRACTS 1 - 4 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN THAT CERTAIN COPY OF SAID AGREEMENT, RECORDED IN VOLUME 574, PAGES 569-570, DEED RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, VOLUME 1051, PAGE 611, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, AND VOLUME 1051, PAGE 622, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 359 AND WEST OF VETERANS BOULEVARD, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-209

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 25.150 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN PORCION 14, ABSTRACT 56, JOSE GUJARDO ORIGINAL GRANTEE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 25.150 ACRE TRACT BEING OUT AND PART OF N.D. HACHAR RANCH, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 303, PAGES 164-172 OF THE WEBB COUNTY DEED RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED NORTH OF PEOPLES BOULEVARD AND WEST OF ARANSAS PASS DRIVE, FROM R-1 (LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT) AND R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AREA DISTRICT); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-212

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 5,208.33 SQUARE FEET TRACT OF LAND BEING THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT 1, AND THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 243, EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, BEING SITUATED IN SURVEY 799, ABSTRACT 239, CITY OF LAREDO, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT 1713 MARCELL AVENUE, FROM R-3 (MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY REDUCED AREA DISTRICT); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-213

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 8.04 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO SAN ISIDRO NORTHEAST, LIMITED, DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1450, PAGES 868-874, AND VOLUME 3355, PAGES 170-178, DEED RECORDS, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED SOUTH OF JUAN ESCUTIA BOULEVARD AND WEST OF CAVATINA DRIVE, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-2 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
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