

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-202**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (“ICC”) CODES: (1) INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, (2) INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, AND (3) INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL CODE; 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012, by Ordinance No. 2012-O-184 the City Council adopted the 2012 edition the International Plumbing Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, and the International Private Sewage Disposal Code.

**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 editions of the said ICC codes, 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 25, Plumbing, Article I, 25-3, 25-6, and 25-7 are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 25-3. Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by and for the city the ~~2012~~ 2018 edition of the International Plumbing Code, as recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which is published in loose-leaf form, one (1) copy of which is filed in the building development service office and designated as the International Plumbing [Code] as if set out herein in full.

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Sec. 25-6. Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by and for the city the ~~2012~~ 2018 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which is published in loose-leaf form, one (1) copy of which is filed in the office of the building development service and designated as the International Fuel Gas Code, including Appendices A, B, C, D, and all made a part of this

chapter as if set out herein in full.

Sec. 25-7. Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by and for the city the ~~2012~~ 2018 edition of the International Private Sewage Disposal Code, including Appendices A and B, as recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which is published in loose-leaf form, one (1) copy of which is filed in the office of the city building development service and designated as the International Private Sewage Disposal Code, including Appendices A, B, and all made a part of this chapter as if set out herein in full.

**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.

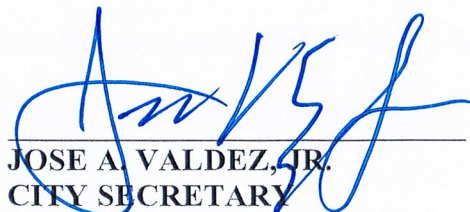
**Section 5.** The publishers of the City Code of Laredo, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to index, format, and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS  
4th DAY OF October 2021.

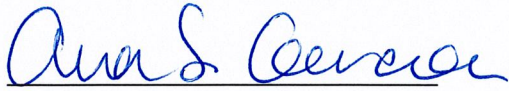
  
PETE SAENZ  
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ana S. Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

**ANA SOPHIA GARCIA  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY**

**Final Reading of Ordinances 28.**

**City Council**

**Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021

**Initiated By:** Riazul Mia, Assistant City Manager

**Staff Source:** Gerardo Pinzon, Interim Building Director

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**SUBJECT**

**2021-O-202** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2018 edition of the following International Code Council ("ICC") Codes: (1) International Plumbing Code, (2) International Fuel Gas Code, and (3) International Private Sewage Disposal Code; 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.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

On 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012, by Ordinance No. 2012-O-184 the City Council adopted the 2012 editions of various International Code Council Codes.

**BACKGROUND**

The International Code Council (ICC) updates the building and related codes approximately every three years. It publishes standards, which if adopted, provide additional guidance in the regulation of structure and development.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

N/A.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff Recommends approval of the ordinance.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Year:**

**Budgeted Y/N?:**

**Source of Funds:**

**Account #:**

**Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

n/a

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## Attachments

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