

Ordinance No. 2014-O-109

AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 26 (POLICE) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 26-27 (FEES FOR DOCUMENTS AND SERVICES), BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (G) ENTITLED “VEHICLE INSPECTION” TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF A \$40.00 VEHICLE INSPECTION FEE TO DEFRAY THE COST FOR CONDUCTING REASSIGNMENT OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTIONS, PURSUANT TO §501.033 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is a home rule municipal corporation organized and existing by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and by its Home Rule Charter duly adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo possesses all the rights, powers, and authorities possessed by all home rule municipalities to regulate the fees for services provided; and

WHEREAS, a municipal law enforcement agency, pursuant to Chapter 501 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended, has the authority to impose a fee for vehicle identification number inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo City Council has determined that there is a valid need to amend Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-27 “Fees for Documents and Services” to allow the Laredo Police Department to charge \$40 in exchange for such vehicle inspection services.

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

Section 1: Article II of Chapter 26 “Police,” of the Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 26-27, be and is hereby amended by incorporating a new subsection (g) entitled “Vehicle Inspection,” without repeal, amendment or change to any other article, to read as follows:

Sec. 26-27. Fees for Documents and Services.

(a) *Case/incident reports.* The police department is hereby authorized to charge in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act for each case/incident report.

(b) *Traffic accident reports, searches and certifications.*

(1) *Copies.* The police department is hereby authorized to charge a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each traffic accident report. Additional copies are also six dollars (\$6.00), or the maximum allowed by state law.

(2) *Certification of document.* The police department is authorized to charge two dollars (\$2.00), or the maximum allowed by state law, to certify an accident report if requested by customer.

(3) *Certification that no report or information is on file.* Upon request, the department can issue a certification that no traffic accident report or information is on file for a fee of six dollars (\$6.00), or the maximum allowed by state law.

(c) *Arrest record documents and searches.*

(1) A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be charged to individuals requesting an arrest record search. This fee includes providing and/or signing a form/letter stating the results were negative.

(2) A fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) will be charged to individuals requesting an arrest record search. This fee includes providing and/or signing a form or letter stating the results of the search were positive and listing all offenses, dates and dispositions.

(3) A request for crime data and/or other related information will be charged in accordance with the Public Information Act.

(d) *Fingerprint work.* The police department is hereby authorized to charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for any fingerprint work performed. Each fingerprint card will be charged at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00), or the maximum allowed by state law.

(e) *Notarization or certification of documents.* A fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be charged for notarization or certification of an arrest record, a clearance letter, or any other document provided by the police department, excluding traffic accident reports charged as stated in subparagraph (b).

(f) *Exemption for law enforcement agencies.* Fees will be waived for law enforcement agencies requesting copies and/or services listed herein for initial requests. Duplicate requests for information/services will be charged in accordance with this division.

(g) Vehicle Inspection. A fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be charged for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspection reports required by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles when applying for Assigned or Reassigned Numbers.

Section 2. No other provision of the Laredo Code of Ordinances is amended hereby. All other provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 3. The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this ordinance as required by Section 2.09 (D) of the City Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 4. The publishers of the City Code of Laredo are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein, to correct typographical errors and to index, format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such case provide.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 2014.**

**RAUL G. SALINAS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**RAUL CASSO
CITY ATTORNEY**