

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-100

AMENDING CHAPTER 19, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VIII, STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 19-362 (D), CITY OWNED PARKING LOT RATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION, CLARIFYING BOUNDARIES FOR (\$40.00) DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEES ONLY MONTHLY PARKING RATE TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY MATAMOROS ON THE NORTH, WATER ON THE SOUTH, SAN BERNARDO ON THE EAST AND SANTA MARIA ON THE WEST AND INCREASING THE HAMILTON PARKING GARAGE MONTHLY RATE FROM \$60.00 TO \$100.00 PER SPACE FOR NEW CONTRACTS STARTING AUGUST 17, 2015, ADDING SECTION 19-362 (E) ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY PARKING RATE OF \$100.00 PER PARKING SPACE FOR PARKING LOT ACQUIRED ON VICORIA AND JUAREZ, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. (AS AMENDED)

WHEREAS, the Parking Enforcement Division is authorized to apply regulations governing parking operations in the City of Laredo, and

WHEREAS, the acquired parking lot facilities will help alleviate the need of parking spaces in the North side of the Central Business District, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the proposed Motor Vehicles and Traffic ordinance amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the opinion of the City Council that it is in the best interest of the city to apply the best and fairest method to manage parking availability in the downtown area,

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Chapter 19, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, Section 19-362 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-362 City-Owned parking lot rates and hours of operation.

(a) Unless otherwise provided for, the hours of operations for all city owned parking lots within the central business district shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time or other standard time established or proclaimed by the United States for an area including the city, except Sundays and holidays, additionally, that within the meaning of this section the term "holiday" shall include the following days only; the first day of January,

the Fourth of July, the first Monday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December, and the day designated and set aside by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving, and all other holidays observed by the city.

(b) The rate for passenger vehicles at the riverfront parking lot shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for hourly parking. The rate for long-term parking for passenger vehicles at the riverfront parking lot shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per day. The parking rate for tractors and recreational vehicles at the riverfront parking lot shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour for hourly parking with a maximum of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per day. Tractor-trailer combinations are prohibited in the parking lot. The parking rate for buses at the riverfront parking lot shall be six dollars (\$6.00) per hour for hourly parking with the maximum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day. The riverfront parking lot shall be operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. Ten dollar fee per day will be charged for any lost parking ticket for passenger vehicles. A thirteen dollar fee per day will be charged for any lost parking ticket for tractors and recreational vehicles. A thirty dollars fee per day will be charged for any lost parking ticket for buses.

(c) The parking rates for all of the newly-acquired city owned parking lots are hereby established as follows:

(1) Two dollars (\$2.00) per hour for hourly parking and ten dollars (\$10.00) maximum daily rate, where available, for all parking lots established within the following boundaries: Water Street on the south, Matamoros Street on the north, Davis Avenue on the west and San Bernardo on the east.

(2) One dollar seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per hour for hourly parking and eight dollars (\$8.00) maximum daily rate, where available, for all parking lots established within area bounded by Matamoros Street on the south, Moctezuma Street on the north, Santa Maria Avenue on the west and San Bernardo on the east.

(3) One dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour for hourly parking and six dollars (\$6.00) maximum daily rate, where available, for all other parking lots established within the vicinity of the central business district.

(d) Monthly parking rates for all city-owned parking lots within the vicinity of the central business district ~~boundaries of Matamoros on the north, Water in the south, San Bernardo on the east, and Sta. Maria on the west~~, which excludes those parking lots that are operated with the use of parking meters and that apply only for passenger-vehicle parking spaces shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) per month per parking space for all parking lots, for downtown employees only, and \$60.00 for all others. ~~Including [The] Hamilton Parking Garage whose rate shall also be sixty~~ **one hundred** dollars ~~(\$60.00)~~ **\$100.00 per month per space for new contracts starting August 17, 2015**. The parking division shall have the

authority to limit the amount of parking spaces that are utilized for monthly parking at any of the city-owned parking lots.

(e) The monthly rate for long-term parking passenger vehicles at the new parking lot located on Juarez Avenue at Victoria Street shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION. 2 SEVERABILITY

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Laredo in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof of provisions or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity and all provisions are declared severable for that purpose.

SECTION. 3 PUBLICATION

This Ordinance shall be published once in accordance with the provisions set for in Section 2.09 (d) of the City Charter.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 2015.**

**PETE SAENZ
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY**

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY