

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-O-136**

**AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-16, "DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, BY CREATING AND ELIMINATING DEPARTMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.04 of the City Charter anticipates the occasional need for the Council to reconsider the administration and delivery of City services by restructuring the departmental organization of City government by establishing additional departments under the administrative control of the City Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council acknowledges that Section 4.01(A) of the City Charter empowers the Council to delegate to the City Manager the authority to transfer obligations of certain departments between departments to provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness of the City's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the current consolidation of functions into the Transportation, Economic Development, Finance, Engineering and Health departments is not in the best interests of the City; and that the creation of certain stand-alone departments will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's delivery of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended, and the City Council desires, that this ordinance creates the Airport, Bridge, Solid Waste, Fleet Management, Traffic, and Animal Care Services Departments.

**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 2, Article II, Section 2-16 entitled "Departments of the City" is amended as follows:

- (1) Human Resources
- (2) Financial Services
- (3) Health
- (4) Parks and Leisure Services
- (5) Community Development
- (6) Engineering
- (7) Public Works
- (8) Utilities
- (9) Fire
- (10) Planning and Zoning
- (11) Building Development Services
- (12) Information Services and Telecommunications
- (13) Tax

- (14) Library
- (15) Police
- (16) City Attorney
- (17) Environmental Services
- (18) Municipal Court
- (19) City Secretary
- (20) City Manager
- ~~(21) Economic Development~~
- ~~(22) Transportation~~
- (21) Convention and Visitor's Bureau**
- (22) Airport**
- (23) Bridge**
- (24) Solid Waste**
- (25) Budget**
- (26) Fleet Management**
- (27) Traffic**
- (28) Animal Care Services**

\*Transit (Contracted Services)

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 2 of the City Code of Laredo Texas, as Amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

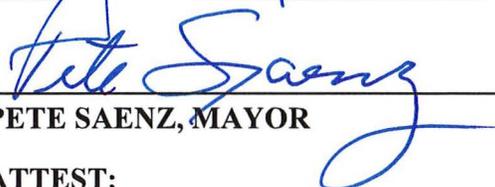
**SECTION 3.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Chapter be adjusted or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Chapter in whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

**SECTION 5.** This Chapter shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by law.

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

12 DAY OF September, 2016.

  
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**PETE SAENZ, MAYOR**

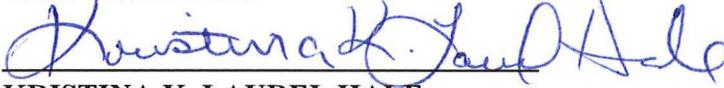
**ATTEST:**



**HEBERTO L. RAMIREZ**  
**ACTING CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**RAUL CASSO**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**



**KRISTINA K. LAUREL HALE**  
**FISRT ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**



**City Council-Regular**

**Meeting Date:** 09/06/2016

**Initiated By:** Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager

**Initiated By:** Horacio De Leon, Jr., Asst. City Manager, Jesus M. Olivares, City Manager

**Staff Source:** Monica C. Flores, Human Resources Director

**SUBJECT**

**2016-O-136** Amending Article II, Section 2-16, "Departments of the City," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, by creating and eliminating departments; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

**VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Not Applicable

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

On August 15, 2016, Council introduced the Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 4.01 (A) of the Charter authorizes the City Council to establish, abolish, or modify by ordinance any city departments not created by Charter. Pursuant to Section 3.05 of the City Charter, the City Manager is solely responsible for the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the city. In accordance with these duties, the City Manager has determined that the creation of the Airport, Bridge, Solid Waste, Budget, Fleet Management, Traffic and Animal Care Services Departments, and discontinuance of the Economic Development and Transportation Departments, is necessary to enhance the operation of City business.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not Applicable

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance as presented.

**Attachments**

Department Ordinance