

**BYLAWS OF  
LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE AND POWERS**

Section 1.1 Purpose. Laredo Public Facility Corporation (the “Corporation”) is incorporated for the purposes set forth in Article Four of its Certificate of Formation, the same to be accomplished on behalf of the City of Laredo, Texas (the “City”), as its duly constituted authority and instrumentality in accordance with the Public Facility Corporation Act, Chapter 303, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the “Act”), and other applicable laws.

Section 1.2 Powers. In the fulfillment of its corporate purpose, the Corporation shall be governed by the Act, and shall have all the powers set forth and conferred in its Certificate of Formation, in the Act, and in other applicable law, subject to the limitations prescribed therein and herein and to the provisions thereof and hereof.

Section 1.3 Nonprofit Corporation. The Corporation shall be a public, nonprofit corporation, and no part of its net earnings remaining after payment of its bonds and expenses shall inure to the benefit of any person other than the City.

**ARTICLE II  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 2.1 Powers, Number and Term of Office.

(a) The property and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors (the “Board”). Subject to the restrictions imposed by law, the Act, the Certificate of Formation, and these Bylaws, the Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Corporation.

(b) The Board shall consist entirely of the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City (the “Governing Body”) except as provided in Section 5.4 herein. The number of directors may be changed by amendment to these Bylaws, but such number must be at least three (3).

(c) The directors constituting the initial Board shall be those directors named in the Certificate of Formation. Successor directors shall have the qualifications and shall be appointed to the terms set forth in the Certificate of Formation.

(d) Any director may be removed from office by the Governing Body under the same terms, conditions and procedures as members of the Governing Body.

Section 2.2 Additional Powers. In addition to the powers and authorities by these Bylaws expressly conferred upon them, the Board may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all lawful acts and things as are not by statute, other law, or by these Bylaws prohibited. Without prejudice to such general powers and other powers conferred by statute,

other law, and by these Bylaws, it is hereby expressly declared the Board shall have the powers set forth in Chapter 303.041 of the Act, as amended.

Section 2.3 Meetings of Directors.

(a) The directors may hold their meetings at such place or places as the Board may from time to time determine; however, in the absence of any such determination by the Board, the meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation as specified in Section 5.1(a) of these Bylaws. The Corporation shall also conduct at least one annual regular meeting of the Corporation on June 1 of each year, or within the next thirty days thereafter. Special meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by the president, by the secretary, by a majority of the directors, or by a majority of the Governing Body.

(b) Subject to Section 2.4, the secretary shall give notice to each director of each special meeting in person or by mail, telephone or telegraph, at least two hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all matters pertaining to the purposes of the Corporation may be considered and acted upon at a special meeting. At any meeting at which every director shall be present, even though without any notice (except as required by Section 2.4), any matter pertaining to the purpose of the Corporation may be considered and acted upon consistent with applicable law.

(c) Subject to Section 2.4, whenever any notice is required to be given to the Board, said notice shall be deemed to be sufficient if given by depositing the same in the United States mail in a sealed postpaid wrapper addressed to the person entitled thereto at his or her post office address as it appears on the books of the Corporation, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day of such mailing. Attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except attendance of a director at a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice to directors or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless required by the Board. A waiver of notice in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 2.4 Open Meetings Act/Public Information Act. All meetings of the Board shall be called, convened, held, and conducted, and notice shall be given to the public, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended. The Corporation is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 2.5 Quorum. A majority of the full Board shall constitute a quorum to conduct official business of the Corporation. The act of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is in attendance shall constitute the act of the Board and of the Corporation, unless the act of a greater number is required by law.

Section 2.6 Conduct of Business.

(a) At the meetings of the Board, matters pertaining to the business of the Corporation shall be considered in accordance with rules of procedure as from time to time prescribed by the Board.

(b) At all meetings of the Board, the president shall preside. In the absence of the president, the vice president shall preside. In the absence of both the president and vice-president, a member of the Board selected by the members present, shall preside.

(c) The secretary of the Corporation shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board, but in the absence of the secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting. The president, treasurer, secretary, and any assistant secretary may, at the option of the Board, be employees of the City.

Section 2.7 Committees of the Board. The Board may designate two or more directors to constitute an official committee of the Board to exercise such authority, as approved by resolution of the Board. It is provided, however, that all final, official actions of the Corporation may be exercised only by the Board. Each committee so designated shall keep regular minutes of the transactions of its meetings and shall cause such minutes to be recorded in books kept for that purpose in the principal office of the Corporation and any such meetings must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, as amended, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, if applicable.

Section 2.8 Compensation of Directors. Directors shall not receive any salary or compensation for their services as directors. However, they shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as directors.

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS**

#### Section 3.1 Titles and Terms of Office.

(a) The officers of the Corporation shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time elect. One person may hold more than one office, except that the president shall not hold the office of secretary and the president, vice president, or secretary shall not hold the office of assistant secretary. Officers shall serve for two year terms or until his or her successor is elected or appointed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all officers of the Corporation, except the Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be members of the Board. Upon the expiration of the terms, each officer shall have the right to be reappointed or reelected.

(b) All officers shall be subject to removal from office at any time by a vote of a majority of the Governing Body.

(c) A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the Board.

Section 3.2 Powers and Duties of the President. The president shall be the chief operating executive officer of the Corporation, and, subject to the authority of the Board, the president shall be in general charge of the properties and affairs of the Corporation, and execute

all contracts, conveyances, franchises, bonds, deeds, assignments, mortgages, leases, notes and other instruments in the name of the Corporation. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Corporation.

Section 3.3 Vice President. The vice president shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board and shall exercise the powers of the president during that officer's absence or inability to act, in their respective order. Any action taken by the vice president in the performance of the duties of the president shall be conclusive evidence of the absence or inability to act of the president at the time such action was taken.

Section 3.4 Treasurer. The treasurer shall be the chief fiscal officer of the Corporation, and shall have the responsibility to see to the handling, custody, and security of all funds and securities of the Corporation in accordance with these Bylaws. When necessary or proper, the treasurer may endorse and sign, on behalf of the Corporation, for collection or issuance, checks, notes, and other obligations in or drawn upon such bank, banks or depositories as shall be designated by the Board consistent with these Bylaws. The treasurer shall see to the entry in the books of the Corporation full and accurate accounts of all money received and paid out on account of the Corporation. The treasurer shall, at the expense of the Corporation, give such bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such form, and amount as the Board may require. All check writing authority will follow all applicable City policies concerning authorizations, signatures and disbursements.

Section 3.5 Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and books provided for that purpose, shall give and serve all notices, may sign with the president in the name of the Corporation, and/or attest the signature thereto, all contracts, conveyances, franchises, bonds, deeds, assignments, mortgages, notes and other instruments of the Corporation, shall have charge of the corporate books, records, documents and instruments, except the books of account and financial records and securities, and such other books and papers as the Board may direct, all of which shall at all reasonable times be open to public inspection upon application at the office of the Corporation during business hours, and shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary subject to the control of the Board.

Section 3.6 Compensation. Officers who are members of the Board shall not receive any salary or compensation for their services, except that they shall be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as officers.

#### **ARTICLE IV FUNCTIONAL CORPORATE DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

##### Section 4.1 Books, Records, Audits.

(a) The Corporation shall keep and properly maintain in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, complete books, records, accounts, and financial statements pertaining to its corporate funds, activities, and affairs.

(b) At the direction of the Governing Body, the books, records, accounts, and financial statements of the Corporation may be maintained for the Corporation by the accountants, staff and personnel of the City.

(c) The Corporation, or the City if the option of subsection (b) is selected, shall cause its books, records, accounts, and financial statements to be studied at least once each fiscal year by an outside, independent auditing and accounting firm selected by the Governing Body and approved by the Board. Such an audit shall be at the expense of the Corporation and shall be delivered to the Governing Body within 150 days of the end of the fiscal year of the Corporation.

(d) All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any director or his or her agent or attorney for any purpose at any reasonable time and at all times the Governing Body shall have access to the books, records, and financial statements of the Corporation.

Section 4.2 Deposit and Investment of Corporation Funds.

(a) All proceeds from loans or from the issuance of bonds, notes, or other debt instruments (“Obligations”) issued by the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Act shall be deposited and invested as provided in the resolution, order, indenture, or other documents authorizing or relating to their execution or issuance.

(b) Subject to the requirements of contracts, loan agreements, indentures or other agreements securing Obligations, all other money of the Corporation, if any, shall be deposited, secured, and/or invested in the manner provided for the deposit, security, and/or investment of the public funds of the City. The Board shall designate the accounts and depositories to be created and designated for such purposes, and the methods of withdrawal of funds therefrom for use by and for the purposes of the corporation upon the signature of its treasurer and such other persons as the Board designates.

Section 4.3 Expenditure of Corporate Money. The proceeds from the investment of funds of the Corporation, the proceeds from the sale of property, revenues generated by and payable to the Corporation pursuant to the Act or any other source of revenues that are payable to the Corporation, and the proceeds derived from the sale of Obligations, may be expended by the Corporation for any of the purposes authorized by the Act, except expenditures that may be made from a fund created with the proceeds of Obligations, and expenditures of money derived from sources other than the proceeds of Obligations may be used for the purpose of financing or otherwise providing for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, repair, equipping, furnishing and placement in service of public facilities of the City under the terms of the Act.

Section 4.4 Issuance of Obligations. No Obligations, including refunding obligations, shall be authorized or sold and delivered by the Corporation unless the Governing Body approves such Obligations by action taken prior to the date of initial delivery of the Obligations to the initial purchasers thereof.

**ARTICLE V  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 5.1 Principal Office.

(a) The principal office and the registered office of the Corporation shall be the registered office of the Corporation located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040 as specified in the Certificate of Formation.

(b) The Corporation shall have and shall continually designate a registered agent at its office, as required by the Act.

Section 5.2 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the same as the fiscal year of the City.

Section 5.3 Seal. No seal of the Corporation shall be required.

Section 5.4 Resignations. Any member of the Governing Body who does not wish to serve on the Board as a director or officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the president or secretary. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, unless expressly so provided in the resignation.

The Mayor of the City may appoint a successor to fill such vacancy. Any successor appointed by the Mayor shall be approved by a majority vote of the Governing Body.

Section 5.5 Approval or Advice and Consent of the Governing Body. To the extent that these Bylaws refer to any approval by the City or refer to advice and consent by the Governing Body, such advice and consent shall be evidenced by a certified copy of a resolution, order, or motion duly adopted by the Governing Body.

Section 5.6 Services of City Staff and Officers. To the extent possible, the Corporation shall utilize the services and the staff employees of the City.

Section 5.7 Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees.

(a) The Corporation is, for the purposes of the Texas Tort Claims Act (Subchapter A, Chapter 101, Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code) a governmental unit and its actions are governmental functions.

(b) As provided in Chapter 303.037 of the Act, the Corporation shall indemnify each and every member of the Board, its officers and its employees and each member of the Board and each employee of the City, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against any and all liability or expense, including attorneys fees, incurred by any of such persons by reason of any actions or omissions that may arise out of the sanctions and activities of the Corporation. The legal counsel for the Corporation is authorized to provide a defense for members of the Board, officers, and employees of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VI EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 6.1 Effective Date. These Bylaws shall become effective upon the occurrence of the following events:

- (1) the approval of these Bylaws by the Governing Body, which approval may be granted prior to the creation of the Corporation; and
- (2) the adoption of these Bylaws by the Board.

Section 6.2 Amendments to Certificate of Formation and Bylaws. The Certificate of Formation of the Corporation and these Bylaws may be amended only in the manner provided in the Certificate of Formation and the Act.

Section 6.3 Interpretation of Bylaws. These Bylaws shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of these Bylaws, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall ever be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these Bylaws and the application of such word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of these Bylaws to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6.4 Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation after payment of all obligations of the Corporation in accordance with the Act and the Certificate of Formation, all remaining assets of the Corporation shall be transferred to the City.

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