

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-O-051**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, ETC., OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING DIVISION 6, SECTION 2-242 FORMALIZING THE CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-243 PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND POWERS AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-244 PROVIDING FOR ITS ADVISORY CAPACITY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2018, the Laredo City Council moved to create the Public Safety Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo City Council recognizes the need to form an internal committee for Council to stay informed on the safety matters occurring in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo City Council desires to delineate the creation, composition, duties, powers, and capacity of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

**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 2, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc., is hereby amended as follows:

**DIVISION 6. – PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Sec. 2-242. – Created; composition.**

- (a) The Public Safety Advisory Committee is hereby created.
- (b) The Public Safety Advisory Committee shall be comprised of four (4) members of City Council, the Police Chief, and the City Manager.

**Sec. 2-243. – Duties and Powers**

- (a) The Public Safety Advisory Committee will advise and make recommendations to City Council on issues related to safety in the community, and any other matter related thereto.
- (b) The Public Safety Advisory Committee will inform City Council of the safety matters occurring in the community and within all districts.
- (c) The Public Safety Advisory Committee is hereby empowered to adopt rules governing its own operation for the performance of its official duties and powers.

Sec. 2-244. – Advisory Capacity

(a) The Public Safety Advisory Committee in discharging its duties enumerated in this division shall serve in an advisory capacity only. As such, the Public Safety Advisory Committee is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances, whether codified or uncoded, 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 3.** 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 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage thereof.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS  
2nd DAY OF April 2018.

  
PETE SAENZ, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KRISTINA K. LAUREL HALE  
CITY ATTORNEY

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 04/02/2018

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**SUBJECT**

**2018-O-051** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 2, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc., of the Code of Ordinances by adding Division 6, Section 2-242 formalizing the creation and composition of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and by adding Section 2-243 providing for duties and powers and by adding Section 2-244 providing for its advisory capacity; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

**VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA**

None.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

On February 5, 2018, the Laredo City Council moved to create the Public Safety Advisory Committee. On March 19, 2018, the Laredo City Council moved to pass the Introductory Ordinance creating the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

The Laredo City Council recognizes the need to form an internal committee for Council to stay informed on the safety matters occurring in the community.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends this approval.

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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**

Public Safety Advisory Committee Ordinance

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