

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-O-156

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 7, "BUILDINGS & BUILDING REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11. "REGISTRATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS," SECTION 7-20 ADMINISTRATION; SECTION 7-28, INCREASE FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the City of Laredo seeks to provide for safe and orderly construction activities within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS the City of Laredo is authorized to regulate construction pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapters 51, 54 and 217; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo finds that the mandatory registrations of contractors and subcontractors is necessary for the public health, safety and general welfare.

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

SECTION 1: Amending Chapter 7, Article II. Section 7-20 and Section 7-28 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 11.

REGISTRATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Section 7-20 Administration

The City Manager is the principal city official responsible for the regulation of the same and ordinances regulated; therefore, the City Manager will delegate any and all duties hereunder to the [~~Building Development Services Director~~] Planning Department Director. The [~~Building Development Services Director~~] Planning Department Director will instruct the Building Official or their designees to enforce said ordinance.

Section 7-28 Registration Fee

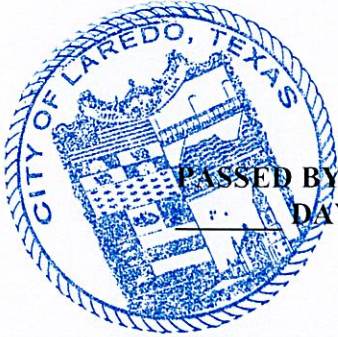
All general contractors and subcontractors except licensed electricians and plumbers shall be required to pay an annual administrative fee of [~~fifty~~] sixty dollars [~~(\$50.00)~~] \$60.00 prior to undertaking work within the city limits which will be collected upon registration.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of

the City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 3: PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published in a manner by section 2.09 (D) of the charter of the City of Laredo

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication required by the City Charter and by state law.



PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS  
DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO  
MAYOR

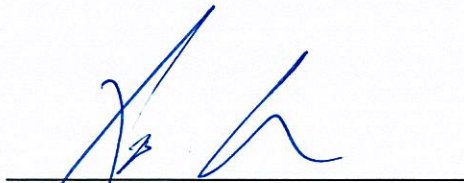
ATTEST:

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MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN  
CITY ATTORNEY**



**BY: XAVIER CHARLES  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

# City of Laredo

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**On agenda:** 9/2/2025                      **Final action:**  
**Title:** An ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, "Buildings & Building Regulations," by amending Article 11, "Registration of General Contractors and Subcontractors," Section 7-20 Administration; Section 7-28, Increase for annual registration fee; a severability clause; a publication clause; and an effective date.  
**Sponsors:**  
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**Attachments:** 1. 2025-O-GC

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### SUBJECT

An ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, "Buildings & Building Regulations," by amending Article 11, "Registration of General Contractors and Subcontractors," Section 7-20 Administration; Section 7-28, Increase for annual registration fee; a severability clause; a publication clause; and an effective date.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On August 18, 2025, City Council approved the Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

### BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo, a home rule city, is permitted to issue building permits and regulate all construction activity. The registration of construction contractors and sub-contractors will ensure that all work done in the City is performed by a registration or subcontractor.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Introduce this ordinance.

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### Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year: 2026  
Budgeted Y/N?: Y

Source of Funds: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)  
Account #: 101-0000-312-20-30  
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: N

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Building revenues will be affected by proposed changes.