

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-197

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CHANGING THE APPLICATION FEE FOR ALL GARAGE SALES TO FIFTEEN (15) DOLLARS, INCREASING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GARAGE SALE PERMITS PER PERSON TO FIVE (5), EXEMPTING DOCUMENTED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE FEES AND THE MAXIMUM LIMIT REQUIREMENT AND ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL WAIVER OF GARAGE SALE PERMIT FEES FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND IN AUGUST IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL GARAGE SALE DAY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the benefit garage sales and yard sales provide to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to encourage the use of garage sales; and;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to make garage sale permits more affordable.

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 __, Article __, is hereby amended as follows:

18-15, - Garage Sales; duration, fees.

- (a) The maximum time for which a permit may be used shall be for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours.
- (b) The applicant shall pay an application fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for all garage sale permits, with a maximum of five (5) permits per applicant, per calendar year. [~~the first two (2) permits and thirty dollars (\$30) for the third and fourth permit applications~~].
- (c) Hours of garage sales are restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and should not exceed two (2) days.
- (d) If you have to cancel your garage or yard sale due to rain, residents can obtain a one-time replacement permit.
- (e) No garage sale or yard sale shall be allowed without first acquiring a permit in compliance with the terms of this article.
- (f) Non-profit organizations, after submission of proper documentation, are exempt from sub-section (b) in this section.
- (g) Garage sale permit fees shall be waived annually on the second weekend of August in recognition of National Garage Sale Day. This waiver will not count towards the five permit limit.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances 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with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.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.

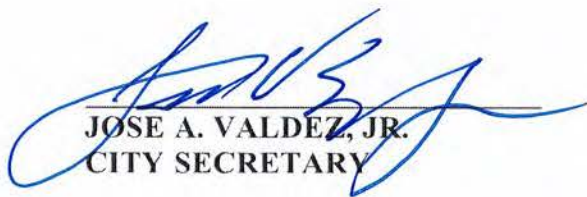
Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
2nd DAY OF October 2023.



DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR


ATTESTED:



JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY



DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY



City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 10/02/2023

Initiated By: Rosario Cabello, Deputy City Manager

Initiated By: John Hickle

Staff Source: John Hickle

SUBJECT

2023-O-197 An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 18, article III, section 15, of the Code of Ordinances by changing the application fee for all garage sales to fifteen (15) dollars, increasing the maximum number of garage sale permits per person to five (5), exempting documented non-profit organizations from the fees and the maximum limit requirement, and establishing an annual waiver of garage sale permit fees for the second weekend in August in recognition of National Garage Sale Day.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

City Council introduced ordinance on September 18, 2023.

BACKGROUND

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of this ordinance.

Attachments

Garage Sale Ordinance
