

ORDINANCE 2008-O-058

AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 24 ARTICLE III, BY CREATING SECTION 24-56, ENTITLED "PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE", AND AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, APPENDIX A, BY ADDING THE PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE METHODOLOGY AS PER THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo "City" wishes to implement an ordinance spelling out the requirements for parkland and park improvement to developers of residential areas in order to provide needed recreation facilities throughout the City; and,

WHEREAS, a Parkland Dedication Ordinance will provide a framework for the acquisition of future parkland as well as resources for the development of currently owned parkland; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation to provide accessible open spaces and recreation opportunities in an effort to enhance the quality of life of the city's inhabitants and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, after a public hearing, has recommended approval of the ordinance amendment; and,

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

Section 1: Amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, by creating section 24.56 entitled Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

Section 2: Amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Appendix A by including the Parkland Dedication Fee Methodology.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be published in a manner provided by Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 4: This ordinance shall become effective as and from the date of publication specified in Section 3.

Section 5: Severability

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of another portion hereof, and all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 6: Open Meetings

The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the city hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Sect. 551.001 ET. AT.; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting hereof.

SECTION 24.56 PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE

Section 24.56.1 **Purpose**

This section is adopted to provide recreational areas in the form of neighborhood parks as a function of subdivision and site development in the City of Laredo. This section is enacted in accordance with the home rule powers of the City of Laredo, granted under the Texas Constitution, and the statutes of the State of Texas, including, but not by the way of limitation, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 212 (Vernon 1988; Vernon Supp. 1999). It is hereby declared by the City Council that recreational areas in the form of parks are necessary and in the public welfare, and that the only adequate procedure to provide for same is by integrating such a requirement into the procedure for planning and developing property or subdivisions in the City, consisting of new construction on vacant land.

Therefore, the following requirements are adopted to effect the purposes stated above and shall apply to any land to be used for residential purposes:

Section 24.56.2 **General Requirements**

Requirements for Parkland and Improvements shall cover both land dedications and park improvement fees for parkland for all types of residential development.

A Parkland Dedication and Site Approval Process

- 1 Every master plan that incorporates residential development (single family, multi-family or manufactured housing) must designate park space to be dedicated as a neighborhood park unless otherwise provided for hereunder.
- 2 The proposed site of the park shall be shown on the master plan and shall be labeled "proposed park."
- 3 The designation on a master plan of "proposed park" shall in no way obligate the City of Laredo to accept the proposed park until such time as the park site has been approved as set forth herein and submitted and accepted by the City Council of the City of Laredo through a separate dedication instrument, the form of which shall be approved by the City Attorney of the City of Laredo.

- 4 *Once a master plan has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department, as set forth above, a copy of the master plan shall immediately be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Laredo.*
- 5 *The Director of the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department shall review the master plan's proposed park site and formulate a written recommendation to be presented to the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board at their next scheduled meeting.*
- 6 *The master plan's park site review shall be scheduled by the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board at a meeting to be held within the requisite number of days necessary to submit a recommendation with sufficient time to include the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board and Director's comments on the master plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission.*
- 7 *The Laredo Parks and Recreation Board shall review the proposed park site and the written recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Department Director. The Laredo Parks and Recreation Board shall issue a written recommendation to accept or decline the proposed park site.*
- 8 *The written recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Department Director and the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board shall, within two business days, be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department and shall be included with the comments on the master plan to be deliberated on and approved by the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission. In the event the time frame set out above cannot be met, the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department may present his/her recommendation and that of the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting and submit the written recommendation within five working days after the meeting.*
- 9 *Upon approval of the master plan and park site the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall submit the park site to the City Council for "Parkland Site Reliance Approval". Said submission shall include the written recommendation of the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board, the Parks and Recreation Director and the Planning and Zoning Commission.*
- 10 *A "Parkland Site Reliance Approval" of the site or sites issued by the City Council is sufficient for the developer to rely on and to continue the development process. It shall insure acceptance of the parkland by the City in compliance with the Parkland Site Reliance Approval. The pendency of the Parkland Site Reliance Approval shall not be construed to prohibit a developer from proceeding with the platting of the first phase of the development.*
- 11 *As part of the master plan review process, a letter of approval will be issued to the developer from the Parks Director that shall stipulate the improvements to be built on the dedication parkland (whether improvements are to be made by the developer or the City), and the timeline for park design and construction completion.*
- 12 *In the event that a Developer makes any material and substantial change to the master plan, as determined by the Planning Director, the Developer shall be required to initiate the approval process for the park site or sites again.*

B. Land Dedication

- 1 *Whenever parkland is included in a final plat to be filed of record with the County Clerk of Webb County for development of a residential area in accordance with the subdivision regulations of the City, such plat shall show the parkland to be dedicated and shall be labeled "open space." The plat shall include a fee simple dedication of the area of land to the City for park purposes or the parkland may be conveyed as a park by separate dedication instrument as approved by the City Attorney. Dedication and Park Improvement fees shall be calculated as per Appendix A, Fees and Calculations, attached herein and incorporated and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.*
- 2 *The required land dedication of this subsection may be met by a payment of money in lieu of land when permitted or required by the other provisions of this section.*
- 3 *Parkland for the entire approved master plan may be dedicated prior to the final approval of the first plat filed at the developer's discretion.*
- 4 *For plats of initial master plan phases in which the initial plat does not include parkland but is subject to dedication of parkland and the master plan is phased through multiple plats the following shall apply:*

a) Deferment Contract

- (1) *If the subdivision is proposed in phases and proposed parkland is shown on a master plan and the first phase includes less than one hundred fifty (150) residential lots or dwelling units then the applicant may plat the first phase and defer the dedication of parkland; however no further subdivision plat within the master plan or the property subject to that master plan shall be accepted or approved unless and until parkland is dedicated as per the requirements of this ordinance. In no event shall any deferral continue more than eighteen (18) months from the date the plat is filed of record with the Webb County Clerk. The developer shall reserve parkland for dedication by entering into an enforceable contract, which shall include the provisions set forth in this section, with the City and approved by the City Attorney.*
- (2) *No development which enjoys the deferral of the parkland dedication shall proceed to plat a subsequent phase irrespective of ownership, the transfer of ownership of the remainder of the undeveloped property subject to the original approved master plan, or the amendment of the master plan, until the provisions set forth in the preceding paragraph have been met.*

(3) If the actual number of completed dwelling units exceeds the figure upon which the original dedication was based additional dedication shall be required and shall be made by Cash Payment in lieu of land as calculated in this ordinance.

(4) For multi-family development or development where parkland was neither previously dedicated nor payment made with the filing of a plat or the number of completed dwelling units exceeds the figure upon which the original dedication was made, additional park land may be dedicated, private park land and improvements may be provided to accomplish the requirements of this ordinance (so long as the entire requirement of parkland for the multi-family development is met by the private park), or payment in lieu of land required by this section shall be made at the time of the building permit application and the funds so collected shall be used for improvements to the original park dedication.

C. Cash Payment in Lieu of Land

1 A landowner or developer responsible for dedication under this section may, upon request, meet the requirements of section 24.56.2 B in whole or in part by cash payment in lieu of land, in the amount calculated pursuant to Appendix A and amended from time to time by City Council, sufficient to acquire parkland or to improve existing parks. This request is subject to the recommendation of the Director of Parks and the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board and approval by City Council. The recommendation must be based upon the following criteria:

a) A neighborhood park exists within the service area of the new neighborhood and has capacity to serve the new neighborhood or there is additional land adjacent to the park which will be acquired with the funds to meet the needs of the new neighborhood; or

b) The master plan or plat subject to dedication has less than 150 residential units and a community park is within the neighborhood service area which has sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the neighborhood seeking the exception within the service area for a neighborhood park; or

c) The development making request for cash in lieu of land has 35 or fewer residential units and the funds must be used to improve the nearest park.

2 The fee in lieu of land dedication requirements shall be due and payable prior to plat recordation. Cash payments in lieu of land may only be used for acquisition of new parkland serving the subject development, or improvements to existing parkland serving the subject development, or for capital replacements to existing park facilities serving the neighborhood.

D. City Option to Require Cash In Lieu of Land

The City may from time to time decide to purchase land for parks or own land in or near the area of actual or potential development. If the City does purchase park land or owns land, the City shall have the right to require subsequent park land dedications in the surrounding area to be in cash so long as the park has

the capacity to serve the development's neighborhood park requirements, meets the service area requirements of a neighborhood park, the cash is used for neighborhood park capital improvements or capital replacements and the land is dedicated as a park. In the event the park is fully improved to neighborhood park standards and no capital replacements are anticipated within two years, the cash may be used for capital improvements to the neighborhood park nearest the development boundary.

E. Park Improvement Fee

In addition to the land dedication there shall be a Park Improvement Fee, as may be amended from time to time by City Council, to provide improvements to the park to meet the standards for a neighborhood park to serve the service area in which such development is located. Park improvement fee is due at time of filing of the final plat and shall be calculated as per Appendix A, Fees and Calculations, attached herein and incorporated and made part of this ordinance for all purposes.

F. Park Improvements by Developer or Landowner

- 1 A landowner or developer may request that he construct park improvements and dedicate the land and the improvements to the City, in fulfillment of the requirements of this Ordinance. Such improvements shall be in accordance with the needs assessment of the current Parks and Open Space Master Plan, as adopted by the City.. Improvement plans and specifications shall be subject to the review and approval or disapproval by the Director of Parks and the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board. All park improvements shall be subject to inspection and approval by the City Engineering Department for compliance with the approved plans and specifications. Improvement plans and specifications must meet all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations. Once improvements are inspected and approved by the City Engineering Department the completed park shall be presented to City Council for acceptance as a park and the landowner or developer shall deed the park and improvements to the City. The criteria listed in Section 24.56.7 still applies to the resulting park.

- 2 The landowner or developer shall post a financial guarantee for 100% of the cost of those park improvements which have not been completed and approved by the City Engineering Department. This guarantee shall be filed with the City prior to plat recordation. The financial guarantee will be released after the following requirements are met:
 - a) Improvements must have been constructed in accordance with the Approved Plans.

 - b) All Parkland upon which the improvements have been constructed has been dedicated as required under this ordinance.

 - c) All manufacturer's warranties have been provided for any and all equipment.

- d) Improvements must meet all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations as of the time of the approval of plans and specifications.
- e) A Certificate of Completion of the park improvements has been issued by the City Engineer.
3. Upon issuance of the Certificate of Completion, the landowner or developer shall warrant all improvements for a period of one (1) year. The City Manager or his designee shall release the financial guarantee upon issuance of the Certificate of Completion. The developer shall remain liable to the City for any and all warranty repairs for one year pursuant to the certificate of warranty.
4. The City may draw on the financial guarantee if:
- a) Landowner or developer fails to complete the improvements in accordance with the Approved Plans
- b) Landowner or developer fails to dedicate the parkland on which the improvements are constructed
5. Landowner or developer shall be liable for any deficiency between the amount of the guarantee and the cost of completion of the installation of improvements and the amount of any warranty work.

Section 24.56.3 Time requirements for park improvements design and completion

- A The timeline for park design and construction completion for a one plat development (single phase development) shall begin at plat recordation and the park improvements shall be completed within thirty-six (36) months of plat recordation.
- B The timeline for park design and construction completion for phased developments wherein the master development plan calls for several dedicated park sites, where each plat includes dedicated parkland, shall be established in the same manner as for single phase developments.
- C If, however, the master development plan calls for all required parkland dedication in one specific phase (plat) of the development the timeline for park design and construction completion shall run as of the date of recordation of the first plat in the series of plats subject to the approved master development plan and be completed within thirty six months (36) of the platting of the park. The Director of the Planning and Zoning Department and the Director of the Parks Department shall have the right to approve the order of phasing of the development so that development will reach the dedicated parkland as soon as possible. In no event shall more than three phases be developed before the park is platted and improved. In any event said park, including any temporary easements necessary to access the park (For non-contiguous dedications, vehicular access may be provided by a forty foot (40') minimum width temporary access easement if no other access exists, subject approval of the Parks Director) shall be dedicated within eighteen (18) months of the date of final recordation of the first plat in the series of plats as per the approved

master development plan or prior to the final recordation of the second phase (plat) whichever occurs first.

Section 24.56.4 Prior Dedication; Absence of Prior Dedication

- A. Parkland Dedication Credit shall be given for land dedicated and utilized in accordance with Section 24-57.9 of the Green Space Preservation Ordinance toward the dedication of parkland required by this ordinance or credit will be given for dedications pursuant to this ordinance.
- B. If a landowner or developer wishes to dedicate additional parkland, the parkland dedication in excess of the requirements of this ordinance is deemed a Parkland Dedication Credit.
- C. Parkland Dedication Credit may be sold or transferred between projects at full credit for the requirements of this ordinance, provided that the receiving project is within or crosses a one and one-half (1 ½) mile radius of the project boundary of the site from which the credit originated if such parkland dedication is made pursuant to this ordinance.
- D. If a dedication requirement arose prior to passage of this section, that dedication requirement shall be controlled by the "City of Laredo Annexation Agreement and Service Plan" under which the dedication requirement was incurred and approved by the Laredo City Council by and through an Annexation Ordinance. Additional dedication shall be required only for any increase in density and shall be based upon the ratio set forth in said City of Laredo Annexation Agreement and Service Plan.
- E. The origination of Parkland Dedication Credits and their later use must be acknowledged in writing from the Director of Parks.
- F. Parks not accessible to the general public may count towards the required parkland dedication as long as the Parks Department is not responsible for development, construction, or ongoing maintenance of said park.

Section 24.56.5 Special Fund

- A. There is hereby established a special fund for the deposit of all sums paid in lieu of land or pursuant to this ordinance, any preceding ordinance or annexation agreement. Said fund shall be known as the "Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund".
- B. The Director of Parks shall prepare an annual budget for the expenditure of available funds in the Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund and it shall be included in the City's annual budget, the Capital Improvement Program and shall be approved by the Laredo City Council. Prior to the preparation of any budget, the Director of Parks shall seek recommendations for the expenditure of Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Funds from the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board and insure the expenditures are consistent with any Park Master Plan needs assessment. Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund shall be used exclusively for the acquisition, development or improvement of parkland.

- C. The City shall account for all sums paid under this ordinance with reference to the individual developments and plats involved. Any funds paid for such purposes must be expended by the City within thirty-six (36) months after the filing of the final plat, or, if a phased development, the filing of each phase or section of the contributing subdivision.
- D. Where funds or a dedication for a phased development have been paid or made for the entire development at one time, and the original developer does not complete all phases of the entire development, the funds or dedication so paid or made shall satisfy the park and money requirements of this ordinance for the undeveloped land and no further dedication or money shall be required unless there is an increase in density, in which case additional parkland and fees may be required.

Section 24.56.6 Park and Open Space Master Plan Consideration

Master Park System Plan

- A) There shall be a Master Park System Plan that will be reviewed and approved by the City Council of the City of Laredo prior to the City Council's annual budget hearings.
- B) The Master Park System Plan shall be reviewed and comments and recommendations shall be made by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board prior to submission of the Master Park System Plan to City Council.
- C) The Master Park System Plan shall consist of a map of the corporate limits of the City of Laredo and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Laredo. Additionally, the Master Park System Plan shall include the most current version of the City's recreational needs assessment and summary of priority items for Laredo Parks and Open Space.
- D) The Master Park System Plan shall include a graphical representation (map) of the site of developed parkland, undeveloped parkland, arterials, parkland subject to annexation agreements, proposed parkland and rivers, creeks, arroyos, streams, power line easements 60 feet in width or greater and pipe line easements 50 feet in width or greater.
1. Linear Park System refers to the parks and linear linkage system which connects parks.
 2. Linear Linkage System refers to rivers, creeks, arroyos, streams, power line easements 60 feet in width or greater and pipe line easements 50 feet in width or greater, or other easements or conveyances of 60 feet or wider which are intended to connect parks.
- E) Park location shall be based on the Master Park System Plan map and the Parks Director, the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board, the Planning Director and the Planning and Zoning Commission shall give preference to Master Development Plans (Master Plans) which designate parkland which is accessible to and/or converges with the Linear Park System.

F) Development which proposes in its Master Development Plan to locate a park (which meets park requirements under Section 24.56.7) next to or abutting a public elementary school, middle school or high school shall be given priority and the location of the park shall not require approval of the Parks Director, Laredo Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Master Development Plan shall be submitted contemporaneously with its submission to the Planning Department to the Parks Director for review and preliminary dedication approval by the City Council of the park. Upon final approval of the Master Development Plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission the Developer may submit a dedication deed to the Parks Director for consideration and acceptance of the park by the City Council. In no event shall the Developer complete more than twenty-five percent of the development without the submission of a dedication deed to the City Council and acceptance thereof.

G) When a park is proposed to abut a school the Parks Director shall have the authority to negotiate a joint agreement with the school district subject to City Council approval.

Section 24.56.7

Park Types

Mini Park

Definition Summary: A play lot or playground provides space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood.

Size Objectives: ½ acre to 1½ acres.

Service Area Objectives: Generally within a neighborhood of a ½ mile radius or population of up to one thousand (1,000).

Location Objectives: Located in protected areas with separation (fencing or other buffer) from street traffic yet in areas with high visibility; serving local neighborhoods and may adjoin schools, libraries or police and fire facilities.

Orientation: Small geographic areas or neighborhoods. Serves youth in ages ranging from toddlers to 12 years, with adult supervision.

Function: Provides outdoor play experiences for the young under parental supervision. Generates neighborhood communication and provides physical and health opportunities, diversion from work and domestic chores. Promotes neighborhood solidarity.

Space, Design & Service Area: The size of a play lot or playground may range from as small as 2,500 sq. ft. to 1.5 acres.*

The amenities generally include sand play areas, play apparatus, play equipment and other special child-oriented features. The service radius in terms of distance from population served is limited to a ¼ mile.

* (NOTE: Stand-alone play lots require more land area than play lots incorporated into larger parks.)

Mini Parks are the smallest parks and are used to meet limited or isolated recreational

needs. Examples include parks in isolated development areas, limited populations, unique recreational opportunities, urban plazas, scenic overlooks and public use areas.

Typical Mini Park Elements

Active Use Facilities

- Volleyball Courts
- Playgrounds
- Horseshoe Pits
- Splash Areas
- Skateboard Areas
- Tot lots/Children's Play Areas

Passive Use Facilities

- Picnic Areas
- Arbors
- Seating Areas
- Fountains
- Scenic Overlooks
- Themed Gardens

Neighborhood Park

Definition Summary: A neighborhood park, by size, program and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located. It is considered an extension of neighborhood residents' "out-of-yard" and outdoor use area.

Size Objectives: Two (2) acres to fifteen (15) acres.

Service Area Objectives: Generally a one-half (1/2) mile to a one and one-half mile radius (1.5), but to be further defined by arterial street patterns which form the limits of neighborhood or recreation service area. Population served may range from 1,000 and up to 5,000. The service standard for this park is 1 acre per 1,000.

Location Objectives: Centrally located for equitable pedestrian access within a definable neighborhood service area. In instances where the park is from 2 to 5 acres it is recommended that it be next to or adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle school or high school, or fire station/library, if possible.

Program Objectives: Compatible with the neighborhood setting and park site constraints. May include the following, which are determined with public input as to use and activities:

Limited Parking if any.

Restrooms

Bikeracks

Tot Lot/ Children's Play Area

Family Event/Group Picnic Facility

Informal Family Picnic Area with Benches & Tables

Unstructured Turf Grass Play Area/play or Practice Field for Children, Young Adults & Families.

Sport Facilities - Compatible with Neighborhood Setting & Park Site Constraints.

Basketball: half court, full court or tri-court configuration

Volleyball area

Softball field/soccer practice or game overlay

Other features as needs or site conditions allow

Skateboard Areas

Orientation: Serves all age groups, with an emphasis on youth and families in neighborhood settings.

Function: To provide a combination of active recreation and passive activities, both outdoor and indoor facilities, and special features as required or needed.

Neighborhood Parks remain the fundamental element of the park system, serving as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Neighborhood Parks are developed for recreational activities for those living within the immediate area.

Typical Neighborhood Park Elements

Active Uses

- Multipurpose Ballfields
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Playgrounds
- Open Play Areas
- Volleyball Courts
- Horseshoe Pits
- Skate Courts

Passive Uses

- Individual/Group Picnic Area
- Trails
- Open Spaces/Fields
- Gardens
- Seating Areas/ Pavilion

Community Park

Definition Summary: A Community Park, by size, program and location, provides space and recreation activities for a defined service area, the entire city or significant geographic segment of the city's population.

Size Objectives: Approximately 15 acres up to 99 acres.

Service Area Objectives: Generally a 2 to 5 mile radius.

Location Objectives: Centrally located if planned to serve a particular geographic segment of the city. Located adjoining or immediately adjacent to a collector street providing community-wide vehicular access, reducing neighborhood traffic impacts. Connected with off-street community trail and bike lane system whenever possible. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle or high school, library, police and fire facilities if possible.

Program Objectives: Compatible with the community setting and park site constraints. May include the following facilities:

Off-street parking calculated to satisfy demand of park and recreation activities provided. Includes bike racks and public transit station at the site and both on-site and street parking.

Restrooms

1) Should accommodate the level of park and recreation activities provided and number of people served and at a minimum include:

<u>for male restrooms</u>	<u>4 water closets</u>
	<u>4 urinals</u>
	<u>4 lavatories</u>
<u>for female restrooms</u>	<u>6 water closets</u>
	<u>4 lavatories</u>

Restrooms should be located within a reasonable walking distance from children's play equipment and other high-use areas at one or more sites.

Community Recreation Center

Park Maintenance & Equipment Storage Building

Tot Lot/Children's Play Areas

Picnic Shelters

Picnic Facilities

Sport/recreation facility fulfilling the overall city demand.

Appropriate program elements include:

Community Pool/Water Feature

Soccer Fields

Softball, Little League Baseball, Junior Pony League Baseball

Football

Roller Hockey/Skate Board Area

Tennis courts

Basketball courts

Amphitheater/Performing Arts and Pavillions

Volleyball (indoor and outdoor)

Jogging Trails/Tracks

Other facilities as desirable and park site plan permissible

Concessions (Food and Beverage)

Orientation: Multi-purpose service area or a community-wide recreation/ resource serving most or all of the population.

Function: Provides opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation of a diverse mix of uses and experiences, including walking and bicycling, outdoor performances, various programmed and non-programmed field sports, swimming, and special events.

Typical Community Park Elements

Active Uses

- Ball fields
- Volleyball Courts
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Archery Ranges
- Playgrounds
- Handball Courts

- Open Spaces/Fields
- Horseshoe Pits
- Swimming Pools
- Skate park
- Shuffleboard Courts
- Hike and Bike Trails

Passive Uses

- Individual/Group Picnic Area Trails
- Open Spaces/Fields
- Gardens
- Cultural Activities Facilities
- Seating Areas/ Pavilions
- Nature Study Areas

Metropolitan Park

Metropolitan parks are large park facilities that serve several communities. They range in size from 100-499 acres and serve the entire city. The metropolitan park is a natural area or developed area for a variety of outdoor recreation such as ballfields, playgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, and trail systems.

Regional Park

Regional parks are very large multi-use parks that serve several communities within a particular region. They range in size from 500 acres and above and serve those areas within a one hour driving distance. The regional park provides both active and passive recreation, with a wide selection of facilities for all age groups. They may also include areas of nature preservation for activities such as sight-seeing, nature study area, wildlife habitat, and conservation areas.

Special Use Park

Definition Summary: A Special Use Park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy the demand for a particular sport, recreational activity or special event. A Special Use Park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource.

Size Objective: The actual size is determined by land availability and facility market demand for special uses or recreation programs.

Service Area Objectives: Community or area-wide and determined by the type of recreation program, special events or use activities.

Location Objectives: Determined by the property opportunity, service area and size objectives.

Program Objectives: Special Use Parks require facility programming , that is user- or market-driven and based on community needs or economic and service principles for public and private partnerships. The magnitude and type of special use facilities may include but are not limited to:

Water Play Park

Amphitheater

Festival Swap Meet Farmers Market

League Individual Sports Complex

Fitness Entertainment Center

Skateboard In-line Hockey Park

Recreation Programs & Classes

Orientation: Provides recreation programming, sports and special event attractions and activities for all age groups.

Function: Special events, fairs, festivals, expositions, symposiums, sports, community gatherings, ethnic/cultural celebrations, plays and numerous other recreational programs and activities.

Space, Design & Service Area: The minimum size for special parks varies depending on intended use and programming.

The Special Use Parks classification covers a wide range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. Special Use Parks generally fall into three'categories: (1) special event facilities; (2) passive recreation facilities; (3) specialized sport facilities.

Typical Special Use Park Elements

Special Event Facilities

- Performing Arts Parks
- Theaters Community
- Amphitheaters

Passive Recreation Facilities

- Community Centers
- Senior Centers
- Arboretums
- Marinas
- Gardens
- Zoos
- Nature Centers
- Museums/Historical Areas

Specialized Sport Facilities

- Tennis Centers
- Skate park

- Softball/Baseball Complexes
- Sports Stadiums
- Hockey Arenas
- Golf Courses
- Aquatic Parks
- Football Stadium
- Soccer Stadium
- And other sport facilities

School-Park

Definition Summary: By combining the resources of two public agencies, the school park classification allows for expanding the recreation, social and educational opportunities available to the public in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Depending on the circumstances, school-park sites often complement other public recreation or open lands. As an example, an elementary/middle school site could also serve as a neighborhood park.

Likewise, middle or high school sports facilities could do double duty as a community park or as youth athletic fields. Depending on its size, one school-park site may serve in a number of capacities, such as a neighborhood park, youth athletic fields, and a location for recreation classes. Given the inherent variability of type, size and location, determining how a school-park site is integrated into the park system will depend on case-by-case circumstances. The important outcome in the joint-use relationship is that both the school district and the park system benefit from shared use of facilities and land area.

Size Objective: The optimum size of a school-park site depends on its intended use. The size criteria established for Neighborhood Park and Community Park classifications may apply.

Service Area Objectives: Neighborhood Park and Community Park classifications criteria should be used to determine school-park functions and area served. For planning purposes, the degree to which school lands, including buildings or facilities, meet community needs depends on the specific interlocal agreements formed.

Location Objectives: The location of a school-park site will be determined by the school district based on district policy. Coordinated city and school district planning allows for siting, acquisition and facility development to be responsive to community needs. Service areas for school-park sites will depend on the type of use and facilities provided.

Program Objectives: The criteria established for neighborhood parks and community parks should be used to determine how a school-park site is developed and programmed. Where feasible, if athletic fields are developed at a school-park site, they should be oriented toward youth rather than adult programs.

Establishing a clearly defined joint-use agreement between involved agencies is critical to making school-park relationships workable. This is particularly important with respect

to acquisition, development, maintenance, liability, use, and programming of facilities issues.

The orientation of school-park projects is typically for neighborhood and community recreation services. The functions may include sports, recreation classes, passive recreation activities and other recreation programs suitable to an elementary, middle or secondary education school.

School-Parks serve the recreational needs of neighborhoods or large areas within the community. The school-park service area is generally consistent with the established population services design standard for the school.

School-parks accommodate recreation programs, sports activities and specialized recreation functions.

Typical School-Park Elements

Active Use Facilities

- Ballfields
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Playgrounds
- Soccer Fields
- Swimming Pools
- Volleyball Courts
- Running & Jogging Paths /Tracks
- Gym Facilities
- Handball Courts

Passive Use Facilities

- Individual/ Group Picnic Areas
- Dance Spaces
- Open Spaces/Fields
- Performance Arts Facilities
- Recreation Classrooms
- Nature Study Areas
- Festival Spaces

The preceding park classification models are provided to assist the department with a graphic definition of the size and character of each park classification used in this document. Actual design and configuration of new facilities will be influenced by property size, topography, surrounding land uses and design criteria for the specific park to be developed. The park design criteria should consider specific needs of the population within a given service area. Standards for park design should be carefully followed to ensure quality of facilities and recreation program services for each park.

Pedestrians, bicyclists and users of various other non-motorized transportation modes need safe, convenient and direct routes linking neighborhoods with schools, and, parks. The ultimate goal is for residents of all age groups and skill levels to have the opportunity to travel on a wide variety of trails to reach destinations within and outside of the city.

The Master Park System Plan provides the framework for the establishment, growth and maintenance of a citywide trail system that will include linkages to trail systems for access to neighborhoods, schools and parks. In conjunction with the city's Transportation Plan, and various other municipal policies, the trail designations and classifications shall be included in, and are an integral part of the Master Park System Plan.

Types of Trails Standards for various types of trail, bikeway and path facilities.

Paved Class I Shared Use Paths: are provided to accommodate non-motorized wheel and pedestrian use. These are often located within a designated greenbelt and/or utility corridor. The need to accommodate multiple users requires a width of 10 to 14 feet, with 2-foot shoulders and a minimum 10-foot height clearance.

Class II Bike Lanes: are associated with roadways. Class II bike lanes are defined by standards as having a minimum 5 foot width-one foot wider than AASHTO minimums.

Class III Bike Routes (Shared Route): usually involve a combination of a wide curb lane (13-14 feet in width) and designation as a bicycle route.

Shared Use Soft Surface Trails: are designed for a 6 to 10-foot trail width, and are intended for predominantly recreation use.

Local Soft Surface Trails: are intended for areas with a less intense use. Intended to preserve the natural setting in which it is located, local soft surface trails are narrower and have somewhat tighter design clearances, appropriate for pedestrian and limited mountain-bike use.

Local Paved Path: are often narrower (4 to 6 feet) than a typical Class I trail, these facilities are intended to have the same general design specifications for shoulders, grade and sight distance as other paved facilities.

Hillside Connection Trails: are trails intended to provide pedestrian access along steep terrain. These are narrower facilities (3 to 6 feet) with gravel or wood mulch surfaces. Due to steeper grades, these paths may not be suitable for persons with disabilities or for all types of bicycles.

Neighborhood Paths: are intended for locations alongside roadways. They may be either a paved or soft-surface facility. Generally not intended for bicycle use, these facilities should have at least a 5-foot lateral separation from the roadway, although more is much preferred.

Section 24.56.9 Parkland Criteria, Definitions, and Additional Requirements

- A. Any land dedicated to the city under this section must be suitable for park and recreation uses.
- B. Prior to the dedication of land, the Developer/Owner shall make full disclosure of the presence of any hazardous substances and/or underground storage tanks (USTs) of which the Developer has any knowledge. The City, at its discretion, may proceed to conduct such initial environmental test and surveys on the land, as it may deem appropriate, and the Developer shall grant to the City and its agents and/or employees such reasonable access to the land as is necessary to conduct such surveys and tests. In the event the City elects to send its agents and/or employees onto the Developer's land it shall provide for hold harmless, indemnification and liability insurance as necessary to protect the Developer.
- C. If the results of such surveys and tests indicate a reasonable possibility of environmental contamination or the presence of U.S.T.s the City may require further surveys and tests be performed at the Developer's expense as the City may deem necessary prior to its acceptance of the dedication, or in the alternative, the Developer may or the City may require that the Developer identify alternative property or pay cash in lieu of such park land dedication.
- D. The park site shall be free of trash and debris. At the option of the City, the land shall be left in its natural condition or cleared. If the City opts to have the land remain in its natural condition and the developer disturbs the land then, if requested by the Director of the Parks Department in writing prior to the time of final plat approval, the developer shall return the disturbed land to a condition that is as close as possible to its original natural condition.
- (1) Land that is in the unimproved floodway of a one hundred (100) year storm event according to the City's floodplain administrator is not eligible for fulfilling the dedication requirements of this ordinance.
- (2) Land that is in a floodplain of a one hundred (100) year storm event is eligible for fulfilling the dedication requirements of this ordinance, provided that:
- a. An amount equal to one and a half (1.5) times the amount of land required under this ordinance is dedicated.
- b. The entirety of the floodplain that is located within the property boundaries of the development is dedicated.
- c. The floodplain lands to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance are suitable for recreational uses as determined by Director of Parks.
- d. The floodplain lands to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance are not cleared, channelized, or altered.

(3) The land to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance, as a general rule should have an overall property proportion ratio (width by depth) of two to one (2:1), unless otherwise approved by the Director of Parks. At least one side of the park shall have a minimum of 150 feet of frontage to a public street. Floodplain areas or parkland dedications along drainageways/creeks/arroyos and power line easements greater than 100' in width are exempt from this requirement.

(4) Seventy five percent (75%) of the land to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance must be less than an eight percent (8%) gradient in any direction.

(5) Criteria for floodplain areas or parkland dedications along drainageways are stated in section 24.57.9.F of the Green Space Preservation Ordinance.

(6) The surface area of perpetually impounded water (wet ponds and/or lakes) are eligible to meet seventy-five (75%), [as these amenities are recognized as being located in the floodplain and natural drainage areas of the Green Space Preservation Ordinance (24-57.9 B 1)], of the parkland dedication requirements provided that there is sufficient land available for recreational amenities.

(7) The land to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance along an unimproved creek shall not be cleared or altered except that the understory may be removed for purposes of public health, safety and welfare.

(8) Detention improvements may be accepted by the Laredo City Council upon recommendation of the Director of Parks and the Park and Recreation Board provided that the area to be considered is greater than 30 feet wide and meets the gradient requirements for parkland and shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total park area to be dedicated and shall be credited at the rate of fifty percent (50%) of the required parkland dedication. If accepted as part of a park or parkland dedication, the following uses will be allowed for detention areas:

a. Hike/Bike Trails

b. Soccer Fields

c. Practice Fields

iv. Other uses as approved by the Director of Parks

(9) Water, sanitary sewer and electric improvements shall be readily accessible to the park from an adjacent street right-of-way or public easement.

(10) Recreation facilities built by a landowner or developer within detention areas can be accepted pursuant to Section 24.56.2 F. Additional requirements apply to recreation facilities built within detention areas, including:

- a. All improvements must be built one (1) foot higher than the area inundated by a two (2) year storm event. Hydraulic and hydrology models used to calculate such areas must use hydrology generated by ultimate buildout of the contributing watershed (a.k.a. "ultimate hydrology").
- b. The area within the detention area that is lower than the area inundated by a two (2) year storm event must be design in such as way to drain completely. Use of trickle channels is encouraged.
- c. The cost of any drainage structures, control structures, excavation (except in direct relation to construction of recreational facilities), or other drainage related features shall not be included as meeting the requirements of Section 24.56.2 D.
- d. Restrooms, concession stands, and similar buildings must be located out of the detention/retention area.

(11) If existing trails (maintained by the City of Laredo), parkland (maintained by the City of Laredo), or public schools abut the property, preference for the land to be dedicated in fulfillment of this ordinance should be given to the land abutting the existing trail or school.

(12) All parkland dedications and park development that is dedicated to the city in fulfillment of the requirements of this ordinance must be fully accessible to the general public without hindrance.

E. Parks should be easy to access and open to the public view, enhance the visual character of the city, protect public safety and minimize conflict with adjacent land uses. The following guidelines should be used in designing parks and adjacent development.

(1) Where physically feasible, park sites should be located adjacent to greenways (the linear linkage system), other parks, and/or schools in order to encourage both shared facilities and the potential codevelopment of new sites.

(2) A proposed subdivision adjacent to a park may not be designed to restrict reasonable access to the park from other area subdivisions. Street and linear linkage system connections to existing or future adjoining subdivisions may be required to provide reasonable access to parks.

(3) Where a non-residential use must directly abut a park, the use must be separated by a screening wall or fence and landscaping. Access points to the park may be allowed by the Planning and Zoning Commission if public benefit is established.

(4) It is desirable that a minimum of forty percent (40%) of the perimeter of a park should abut a public street. In all cases, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall approve the proposed street alignment fronting on city parks.

(5) Streets abutting a park shall be built in accordance with the thoroughfare plan and the standards of this ordinance; however, the City may require any residential street built adjacent to a park to be constructed to collector width to ensure access and prevent traffic congestion. Landowner or developer shall be entitled to oversize participation in such instance.

Section 24.56.10 Consideration and Approval

A .Appeal from any decision by the Director of Parks or the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board in regards to the provisions of this ordinance shall be in writing, submitted to the Parks Director and the Planning Director and placed on the next agenda of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission may make a decision contrary to such recommendations only by a concurring vote of a majority of the Planning and Zoning Commission members present.

B. Appeal for any decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to the provisions of this ordinance shall be the City Council.

Section 24.56.11 Review of Dedication Requirements

The City shall review the requirements of this ordinance and the associated fees set forth in this section every three (3) years or more frequently as needed.

Appendix A "Parkland Dedication Fee Methodology" can be modified by City Council ordinance.

Appendix A
PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE
METHODOLOGY

I. Current Desired Level of Service

1 Acre per 1,000 Population (Neighborhood Parks)

II. Land Requirements

2000 CENSUS Figures – Total Population – 176,576
3.90 Person per Household (PPH) for Single Family and 2.82 PPH for Multi-Family
based on census information for owner and renter occupied units. The overall average
from the Census is 3.70 PPH (dwelling unit).

• SINGLE FAMILY and Multi-Family: 1 Acres per 1000
1,000 people / 3.90 PPH (based on decennial census) = 256 Dwelling
Units/residential lots or 1 Acre per 256 Units

The minimum land requirement for parkland dedication is one (1) acre per one thousand
population – Neighborhood parks only.

III. Neighborhood Park Acquisition Cost (Determines Cash Payment in Lieu of Land)

Fee shall be determined on a per-acre basis at \$45,000.00 per acre or fraction
thereof.

The fee shall be calculated by $A \times V = \text{Cash Payment in Lieu of Land}$; where:

A is the required parkland dedication in acres, calculated to tenths of an acre.

V is the per-acre valuation based upon \$45,000.00

IV. Neighborhood Park Improvement Fee

The developer will be required to pay the City \$80,384.00 as a park improvement fee for
each acre of parkland dedicated (calculated on 1000 population per acre) as per section II of
this Appendix calculated as follows: For every 256 dwelling units multiplied by \$314.00 per
dwelling unit/residential lot (see example #1).

The City may require up to 1.56 additional acres per 256 dwelling units (calculated on 1000
population per acre) by reducing the park improvement fee by \$35,000.00 per additional acre or
fraction thereof (see examples #2 and #3).

Example #1: A plat containing 256 Dwelling Units/residential lot (1000 Population)

Land Dedication per Section II of the Appendix..... = 1 Acre

Park Improvement fee per Section IV of the Appendix

256 Dwelling Units/residential lot at \$314.00..... = \$80,384.00

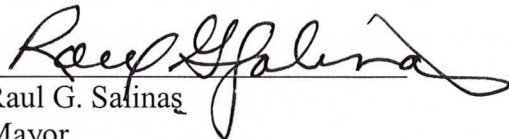
Example #2: A plat containing 256 Dwelling Units/residential lot (1000 Population) and the
City
requiring One additional Acre

Land Dedication per Section II of the Appendix..... = 1 Acre
Additional Land Dedication..... = 1 Acre
Total Land Dedication..... = 2 Acres
Park Improvement fee per Section IV of the Appendix
256 Dwelling Units/residential lot at \$314.00..... = \$80,384.00
Additional Land Dedication Credit 1 acre x \$35,000.00..... = <\$35,000.00>
Net Park Improvement fee after credit..... = \$45,384.00

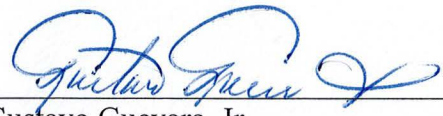
Example #3: A plat containing 256 Dwelling Units/residential lot (1000 Population) and the City
requiring 1.56 additional Acres

Land Dedication per Section II of the Appendix..... = 1 Acre
Additional Land Dedication..... = 1.56 Acres
Total Land Dedication..... = 2.56 Acres
Park Improvement fee per Section IV of the Appendix
256 Dwelling Units/residential lot at \$314.00..... = \$80,384.00
Additional Land Dedication Credit 1.56 acre x \$35,000.00..... = <\$54,600.00>
Net Park Improvement fee after credit..... = \$25,784.00

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 7th
DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

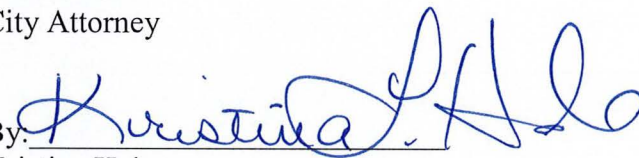

Raul G. Salinas
Mayor

ATTEST:


Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raul Casso
City Attorney

By: 
Kristina Hale
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<p>DATE: 04/07/08</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Final Reading of Ordinance 2008-O-058 Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Article III, by creating Section 24-56, entitled "Parkland Dedication Ordinance;" establishing minimum requirements for the dedication of land (one acre per one thousand projected population) for park/recreation purposes within a proposed development, establishing the methodology of land dedication and/or securities in lieu of land dedication, establishing a neighborhood park improvement fee of \$314 per dwelling unit, defining and establishing minimum standard for various types of parks (including mini park, neighborhood park, community park, metropolitan park, regional park, special use park, and school park). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this ordinance amendment.</p>																			
<p>INITIATED BY: Jesus Olivares Assistant City Manager</p>	<p>STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Pescador Parks and Recreation Director</p>																			
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council approved the introduction of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance on March 24, 2008.</p>																				
<p>STAFF COMMENTS: Staff proposes the revision of the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Article III by creating section 24-56, entitled "Park Dedication Ordinance", and amending the city of Laredo Land Development Code, Appendix A, by including the Parkland Dedication Fee Methodology as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="147 1123 1518 1459"> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.1</td> <td>Purpose</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.2</td> <td>General Requirements</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.3</td> <td>The requirements for park improvements design and completion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.4</td> <td>Prior Dedication; Absence of Prior Dedication</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.5</td> <td>Special Fund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.6</td> <td>Park and Open Space Master Plan Consideration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.7</td> <td>Parkland Criteria, Definitions and Additional Requirements</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.8</td> <td>Consideration and Approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 24.56.9</td> <td>Review of Dedication Requirements</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Planning and Zoning Commission upon its review recommended changing section 24.56.2, F, 1 to read "...subject to the review and approval or disapproval by the Director of Parks and the <u>recommendation</u> of the Laredo Parks and Recreation Board." Upon its review on January 17, 2008, the Planning and Zoning Commission motioned to approve the item for City Council review.</p>			Section 24.56.1	Purpose	Section 24.56.2	General Requirements	Section 24.56.3	The requirements for park improvements design and completion	Section 24.56.4	Prior Dedication; Absence of Prior Dedication	Section 24.56.5	Special Fund	Section 24.56.6	Park and Open Space Master Plan Consideration	Section 24.56.7	Parkland Criteria, Definitions and Additional Requirements	Section 24.56.8	Consideration and Approval	Section 24.56.9	Review of Dedication Requirements
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<p>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff supports proposed amendment</p>																			

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The following Ordinance was approved by
City Council on April 7, 2008:

AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER
24 ARTICLE III, BY CREATING SECTION
24-56, ENTITLED "PARKLAND
DEDICATION ORDINANCE", AND
AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, APPENDIX
A, BY ADDING THE PARKLAND
DEDICATION FEE METHODOLOGY AS
PER THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,
PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

**NOTICE TO PUBLISHER:
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Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit: Department of
Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection,
Office of the Port Director, Laredo, Texas. Date of first
publication: June 08, 2008. Pursuant to the
Provisions of 19 USC 1607, notice is hereby given of
the seizure of the following property, to wit:

- CN: 2007-2304-0-00157-01, 11/22/2006,
1999 Dina Bus, VIN: 3ABBBFHA3XS002219,
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- CN: 2007-2304-0-00719-01, 07/25/2007,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Laredo has initiated a Request for
Qualifications (RFQ) FV08-087A and invites
interested parties to submit proposals for
providing professional services for the
development of a Municipal Water Park
Feasibility Study to serve as an update or
supplement to a 2004 study.

All questions regarding this procurement,
including requests for complete copies of the
RFQ, should be directed to the attention of:

Miguel A. Pescador or Celina Rivera
Parks and Leisure Services Department
City of Laredo
P.O. Box 579
Laredo, Texas 78042
956.795.2350
mpescador@ci.laredo.tx.us; crivera@ci.laredo.tx.us

Request for Qualifications must be received
no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2008
at the address below.

Gustavo Guevara
City Secretary
P.O. Box 579
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78042

Request for Qualifications received after the
4:00 p.m. deadline will not be considered.

The City of Laredo reserves the right to reject
any and all proposals received.

Miguel A. Pescador
Parks & Recreation Interim Director

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- 2008-O-120 Designating as a one-way northbound the 1700 and
1800 Block of McPherson Avenue, between
Galveston Street and Lane Street, and designating as
a one-way eastbound the 1200 and 1300 block of
Lane Street, between McPherson Avenue and Loring
Avenue during the peak hours of 7:00 am. to
8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday thru
Friday, during school days, providing the installation
of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic and
providing for publication and an effective date.
- 2008-O-121 Amending Chapter 19, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic"
Article VIII; Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the
Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo;
specifically Section 19-364, Restricted Parking
Areas, establishing a "No Parking Anytime/Tow
Away Zone" on the North and South side of Village
Boulevard, between Springfield Avenue and 800 feet
east of Springfield Avenue and the east and west of
Martingale between Village Boulevard and 300 feet
south of Village Boulevard, within City Limits of
Laredo; providing for severability and for an
effective date and publication.
- 2008-O-122 Adding new Section 19-382 to Article X
[Impoundment of Vehicles] of Chapter 19 [Motor
Vehicles and Traffic] of the Code of Ordinances; said
Section 19-382 authorizing the Police Department to
adopt a city-wide policy for the towing and
impoundment of vehicles when the operator has
either failed to maintain or cannot present proof of
financial responsibility as required by State Law; and
establishing an effective date.

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Lizette Garcia who on his/her oath states.

I am the BOOKKEEPING CLERK of the LAREDO MORNING TIMES, a newspaper published in Webb County, Texas, and knows the facts stated in this affidavit

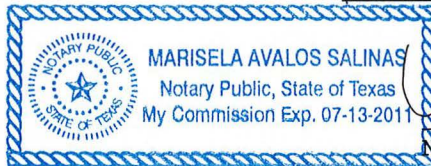
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Lizette Garcia

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June 2008.




Notary public, Webb County, Texas