

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-O-171

REPEALING ORDINANCE 99-O-85 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 7-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY ADOPTING THE 2000 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AMENDING SECTION 7-4 ADOPTED, BY ADOPTING THE 2000 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, AND AMENDING SECTION 7-7 DWELLING CODE BY ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS (2000 ED.); PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, AND COLLECTION OF FEES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Council has passed Building Ordinances in the past, and need to adopt the most updated Building Codes in order to maintain high standards; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council (ICC) approved codes and standards which are designed to secure the beneficial interest of the citizens of Laredo in public health and safety through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the built environment, including alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use, and occupancy of building structures, or premises by regulating the installation and maintenance of all buildings, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the *International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code and the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwelling* is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the Building Department of City of Laredo relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the City of Laredo and relating to public safety, health and general welfare; and

NOW THEREFORE BY IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Laredo that:

Section 1. Repealing Ordinance 99-0-85 attached hereto and incorporated fully.

Section 2. Amending Chapter 7, Laredo Section 7-1 Code-Adopted.

- (a) Adopted. There is hereby adopted by the City Council the 2000 ed. of the International Building Code including appendix A, "Employee Qualifications"; B, "Board of Appeals"; C, "Group U-Agricultural Building"; D, "Fire Districts"; E, "Supplementary Accessibility Requirements"; F, "Rodent Proofing"; G, "Flood Resistant Construction"; H, "Signs"; I, "Patio Covers"; J, "Supplementary Accessibility Requirement for Qualified Historic Building and Facilities" as published by the International Code Council and is hereby adopted as the Code of the City of Laredo, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the City Secretary; and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set out at length

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Section 3-The following section of the *International Building Code*, are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo;

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the City of Laredo, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

Section 108.2 Schedule of Permits fees. The fees for all construction shall be as indicated in the following schedule:

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES

<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>\$1,000 and less</u>	<u>No fee, unless inspection required, in which case a \$15.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.</u>
<u>\$1,000 to \$50,000</u>	<u>\$15.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$50,000.00</u>
<u>\$50,000 to \$100,000</u>	<u>\$210.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand thereof, and including \$100,000.00</u>
<u>\$100,000 to \$500,000</u>	<u>\$360.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fractional thereof, to including \$500,000.00</u>
<u>\$500,000 to \$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,160.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional thousand of fraction thereof including \$1,000,000.00</u>
<u>\$1,000,000 and above</u>	<u>\$1,660 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$0.50 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$50.00. A \$50.00 administrative fee is for inspection of building site, setback, zoning regulations and the requirement of section G501 of the International Building Code will be charged.

DEMOLITION FEE

For the demolition of any building or structures, the fee shall be:

<u>0 UP TO 100,000 cu ft</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>100,000 cu ft and over</u>	<u>\$0.50/ 1,000 cu ft</u>

PLAN-CHECKING FEES

When the valuation of the proposed construction exceeds \$1,000.00 a plan is required to be submitted by Section 105.1 *the International Building Code*, a plan-checking fee shall be paid to the Building Official at the time of submitting the plans and specifications for checking. Said plan-checking fee shall be equal to one half (1/2) of the building permit fee as set forth. Such plan-checking fee is in addition to the building permit fee.

Section 108.3 **Building permit valuations.** Building valuations shall be based on the latest Building Valuation Data as published by the International Code Council.

Section 108.4 **Work commencing before permit issuance.** Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fee herein specified shall be, *subject to a penalty of one hundred fifty (150%) percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees*, but the payment of such fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

Section 108.6 **Refunds.** The Building Official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:

1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
2. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the permits paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.
3. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.

The Building Official shall not authorized the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

Section 109.5. **Fee for Reinspection.** In case it becomes necessary to make a reinspection of a framing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical or plumbing system, or installation, the installer of such equipment shall pay a reinspection fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

Section 113.4 **Violation penalties.** The *International Building Code*, 2000 ed. is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Any person, firm, corporation, or agent who shall violate a provision of this Code or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, or who shall erect, construct,

alter, install, demolish or moved any structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, or has erected, constructed, altered, repaired, moved, or demolished a building structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, in violation of a detailed statement or drawing submitted and permitted there under, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 dollars or more than \$1,000 dollars. Each such person shall be considered guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this code is committed or continued, and upon conviction of any such violation such person shall be punished within the limits provided by State Laws.”

Section 403.1 **Applicability.** The provisions of this section shall apply to building having occupied located more than ~~(75-feet)~~ *55 feet* above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

Section 901.2 **Fire protection systems.** Fire protection systems shall be installed, repaired, operated and maintained in accordance with this code and the International Fire Code. All fire protection systems shall a Watt Series 909 Backflow Preventer or equal.

Section 1612.3 **Establishment of flood hazard areas.** To establish flood hazard areas, the governing body shall adopt a flood hazard map and supporting data. The flood hazard map shall included, at a minimum areas of special flood hazard as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an engineering report entitled “The Flood insurance Study for *The City of Laredo,*” dated May 17, 1982, as amended or revised with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) and related supporting date along with any revisions thereto. The adopted flood hazard map and supporting data are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this section.

Section 3409.2**Applicability.** Structures existing prior to *October 1, 2001,* in which there is work involving additions, alternations, or change of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirement of this section or the provisions of Sections 3402 through 3406.

The provisions in Section 3409.2.1 through 3409.2.5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be in Group A, B, E, F, F, R, S and U. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H or I.

Section 4. Amending Chapter 7,

Laredo Section 7-4 Mechanical Code –Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city council the 2000 edition of the *International Mechanical Code*

Section 2-The following section of the *International Mechanical Code,* are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo;

Section 101.1 **Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *International Mechanical Code of the City of Laredo,* hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

Section 106.5.1 Work commencing before permit issuance. Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fee herein specified shall be, subject to a penalty of one hundred fifty (150%) percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees, but the payment of such fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

Section 106.5.2 Schedule of Permits fees. The fees for all mechanical work shall be as indicated in the following schedule:

Initial fee:

For issuing Permits (~~\$20.00~~) \$25.00

Additional fees:

Fee for inspecting heating, venting, duct work, air conditioning and refrigeration system shall be ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$20.00) for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, to including one hundred thousand (\$100,00.00) of valuation of the installation plus ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ three dollars (\$3.00) for each additional thousand dollars (\$1,000) of fraction thereof.

Fee for inspecting boiler (based upon Btu input):

<u>33,000 Btu (1BHp) to 165,000 (5BHp)</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>165,001 Btu (5BHp) to 330,000 (10BHp)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>330,001 Btu (10 BHp) to 1,165,000(52BHp)</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>1,165,000 Btu (52 BHp to 3,300,000 (98BHp)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>over 3,300,000 Btu (98BHp)</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>

In case it become necessary to make a reinspection of a heating, ventilation, air conditioning or refrigeration system, or boiler installation, the installer of such equipment shall pay a reinspection fee of ~~(\$20.00) twenty dollars (\$25.00) twenty five dollars.~~

Section 106.5.3 Fee Refunds. The Building Official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:

4. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
5. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the permits paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.
6. Not more than (50%) fifty percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.

The Building Official shall not authorized the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

Section 108.4 Violation penalties. Person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirement thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair mechanical work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive

of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than (((\$2,000) two thousand) dollars (or by imprisonment not exceeding five days, or both such fine and imprisonment.) Each day that a violation continue after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 108.5 **Stop work orders.** Upon notice from the code official that mechanical work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, such work shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work on the system after been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for a fine of not less than (\$200.00 two hundred dollars) or more than (\$2,000.00 two thousand dollars.)

Section 5 Amending Chapter 7, of the Laredo Code of Ordinances
Section 7-7. Dwelling Code- Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the 2000 ed. of the *International Residential Code* including appendix A, "Sizing and Capacities of Gas Piping", B,

Section R101.1 **Title.** These provisions shall be known as the *Residential Code for One-and-Two-Family Dwellings* of the *City of Laredo*, and shall be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code."

Section 6. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Laredo hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 7. That the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in accordance with Section 2.09 (D) of the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this
20th day of August, 2001.

BY: Elizabeth G. Flores
ELIZABETH G. FLORES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM;

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR
CITY SECRETARY

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HOMERO G. MARTINEZ.
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLICATION DATE:
08/22/01

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: Aug. 20, 2001	SUBJECT: FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2001-O-171 repealing Ordinance 99-O-85 and amending chapter 7-1 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo by adopting the 2000 edition of the <i>International Building Code</i> , Amending Section 7-4 Adopted, by adopting the 2000 edition of the <i>International Mechanical Code</i> , and amending Section 7-7 Dwelling Code by adopting the <i>International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwelling</i> (2000 Ed.); providing for the issuance of permits, and collection of fees, and repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date.
INITIATED BY: Staff	STAFF SOURCE: Ruben E. Salinas CBO/CFM Building Department
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: The 1997 Standard Codes relating to building and mechanical were adopted in 1999. The Dwelling Code was adopted in 1986.	
BACKGROUND: The <i>International Code</i> is the result of the three-model codes merger to form one code. The codes published by <i>Building Official Code Administrators</i> , <i>International Conference of Building Official</i> and the <i>Standard Building Code Congress</i> will not longer be printed. The International Codes are designed to meet the needs through model code regulation that safeguard the public safety in all communities, large and small.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Increase Mechanical Permit revenues by \$7,000 Increase Building Permit revenues by \$50,000 Increase Plan Review revenues by \$130,000	
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE 2001-O-164

AMENDING CHAPTER 19. MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VIII, STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING, SECTION 19-361, SECURED CONTROLLED ACCESS PARKING LOTS AND SECTION 19-362, PARKING LOT RATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION, OF CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LAREDO: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING RATES ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS, AND HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE RIVERFRONT PARKING LOT LOCATED ON PEDREGAL ROAD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE 1 PARKING LOT, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.

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REPEALING ORDINANCE 99-O-85 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 7-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY ADOPTING THE 2000 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AMENDING SECTION 7-4 ADOPTED, BY ADOPTING THE 2000 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, AND AMENDING SECTION 7-7 DWELLING CODE BY ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS (2000 ED.); PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OR LAREDO ORDINANCE NO. 2001-O-172

AMENDING SECTION 24.63.2, PERMITTED LAND USES; AND APPENDIX A, DEFINITIONS, OF THE LAREDO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW THE LOCATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE FACILITY ON B-4 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT), M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT), AND M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OF LAREDO ORDINANCE NO. 2001-O-173

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND A MECHANIC SHOP ON LOT 4 AND THE NORTH 19.78FT. OF LOT 5, BLOCK 815, EASTERN DIVISION, LOCATED AT 605 N. SEYMOUR AVE.; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE ABOVE CAPTIONS OF SAID ORDINANCES WERE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON AUGUST 20, 2001.

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Project: Ejido Avenue Extension

The City of Laredo will solicit and receive statement of qualifications until Friday September 14, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. from qualified consulting firms interested in providing professional services for the above referred project.

Scope of services include, but are not limited:

Surveys (alignment, boundary, topographic), design and preparation of construction plans and specification for the extension of Ejido Avenue form Southgate Subdivision to Pita Mangana Road and on to the Chelito Lindo Subdivision, approximately 8500 l.f. and to a 65 feet wide section on a 90 feet wide right of way. The design is to be coordinated with all utilities, and must be in compliance with all City, State, and Federal regulations. The scope of work also includes the identification of existing right of way and the surveys for acquisition for any additional right of way required, with phase I environmental if needed.

Interested consultant firms should submit seven copies of brief statement of qualification consisting of the minimum number of typewritten pages sufficient to provide necessary information to:

City of Laredo Engineering Department
Rogelio Rivera, P.E., City Engineer
110 Houston Street 2nd Floor
Laredo, Texas 78040
(956) 791-7346

The City of Laredo reserves the right to reject any or all statement of qualifications received, and to award contract only upon availability of funding.

Rogelio Rivera, P.E.,
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