

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-O-152**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE (ELECTRICITY) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 11-44 (PERMIT FEES) BY INCREASING THE BASIC PERMIT FEE FROM \$25.00 TO \$50.00; AND METER RECONNECTION INSPECTION FEE FROM \$20.00 TO \$25.00; INCREASING PER ITEM FEES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has deemed it appropriate to adopt the National Electrical Code, 2008 Edition; to further safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Laredo; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that electrical inspection fees should be increased to defray the costs of inspections; and

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

That Section 11-44 (Permit Fees) of the Code of Ordinances hereby be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III. PERMITS; FEES; INSPECTION**

**Section 11-44 Permits fees**

(a) The fees for permits required by Section 11-44 of this article shall be as follows:

(1) A basic fee .....	<del>\$25.00</del>	\$50.00
(2) Meter Reconnection Inspection fee .....	<del>\$20.00</del>	\$25.00
(3) In addition to the basic fee, there shall be charged the following fees per item:		
Circuits.....	<del>\$ 3.00</del>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Fixtures, base plug.....	<del>\$ 0.30</del>	<u>\$ 0.50</u>
Motors 1h.p. and smaller .....	<del>\$ 2.00</del>	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
Motor over 1hp to and include 5 hp .....	<del>\$ 4.00</del>	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
Motor over 5 hp to and include 10 hp .....	<del>\$ 5.00</del>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Motor over 10 hp to and include 25 hp .....	<del>\$ 6.00</del>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>

Motors over 25 hp.....	<u>\$15.00</u>	
Service up to 60 amperes.....	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	
Service 61 to 100 amperes.....	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	
Service 101 to 200 amperes.....	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Service 201 to 400 amperes.....	<u>\$ 8.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Service over 400 amperes.....	<u>\$18.00</u>	
Services each additional meter .....	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Appliances (range, water heater, dryers, dishwashers, disposals, etc.).....	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Equipment - X-ray machine .....	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Equipment - Moving picture projector .....	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Equipment - Welding machine (transformer type).....	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Equipment - Gasoline pump .....	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Equipment - Elevator.....	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Other misc. Equipment .....	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Signs - minimum .....	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Sign with two transformers.....	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Additional transformers.....	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

**Section 2.** That if any provision or any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3:** That this ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances, 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 4.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by the Charter of the City of Laredo, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of September, 2011.



**RAUL G. SALINAS**

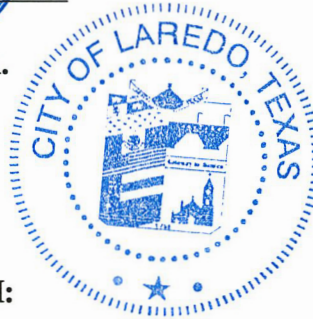
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**



**GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.**

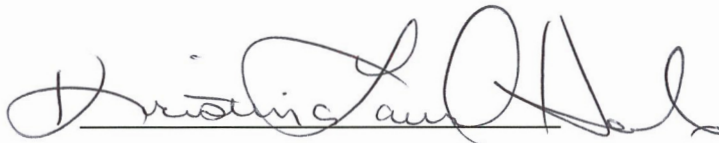
**CITY SECRETARY**



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**RAUL CASSO**

**CITY ATTORNEY**



**BY: KRISTINA LAUREL HALE**

**ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

<p><b>Date:</b>  09/17/2012</p>	<p><b>SUBJECT:</b> FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO <u>2012-O-152</u></p> <p align="center"><b>AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE (ELECTRICITY) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 11-44 (PERMIT FEES) BY INCREASING THE BASIC PERMIT FEE FROM \$25.00 TO \$50.00; AND METER RECONNECTION INSPECTION FEE FROM \$20.00 TO \$25.00; INCREASING PER ITEM FEES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.</b></p>	
<p><b>INITIATED BY:</b>  Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager</p>		<p><b>STAFF SOURCE:</b>  Erasmio Villareal, Building Development Director</p>
<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> 02-01-10 Ordinance 2010-O-104 Adopting 2008 National Electrical Code.</p>		
<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b> The National Fire Protection Association updates the National Electrical Code provisions every three years for the purpose of improving procedures and approving new materials and methods. The City adopted the 2008 Edition on 02-01-2010. The 2011 Edition is the most current revision.</p>		
<p><b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> Revenues from Electrical Fees are estimated to increase by \$49,500 or 30% in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.</p>		
<p><b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b></p>		<p><b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b>  Staff <u>recommends</u> that City Council approve this ordinance.</p>