

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-O-181

AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ELECTRICITY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AMENDING SECTION:

11-2 OF THE LAREDO CODE OF ORDINANCE BY ADOPTING, WITH MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS, THE ~~2008~~ 2011 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved code, which is designed to secure the beneficial interest of the citizens of Laredo in public health and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the electrical wiring, apparatus, and fixtures in built environment, including alternation, repair, removal,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the *National Electrical Code* is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the Department of Building Development Services of City of Laredo relating to installation of all electrical wiring, apparatus, and fixtures in 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. Amending Chapter 11, as follows

ARTICLE I. IN
GENERAL

Section 11-2. Code-Adopted.

The National Electrical Code, [~~2008~~] 2011 edition, providing rules and regulations and requirements for the installation of electrical wiring and apparatus, is hereby adopted as a standard for the installation of all electrical wiring and apparatus and fixtures, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter; and is made a part of this chapter, as if set out herein in full; however, should there be any conflict between the provisions of this chapter and the *National Electrical Code*, the provisions of this chapter shall govern and control. The city shall enforce Title 8, Occupation Code Chapter 1305 administrated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

Section 2. That Chapter 11 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinance, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance. Any existing, structure, system, development project, or registration that is not required to come into compliance with a requirement of this ordinance will be governed by the requirement as it existed in the former law last applicable to the structure, system, development project, or registration, and all former laws will continue in effect for this purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, sentences, paragraphs, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any 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 take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this _____ day of _____, 2012.

BY: _____

RAUL SALINAS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM;

RAUL CASSO
CITY ATTORNEY

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

KRISTINA LAUREL HALE
ASSITANT CITY ATTORNEY