

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-105

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE VII TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF DIAPER CHANGING STATION IN ALL CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING UNDERGOING MAJOR RENOVATION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Laredo Land Development Code currently does not provide requirements or standards regarding diaper changing stations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment and standards herein provides for the availability of diaper changing stations for the orderly and healthy development of the City of Laredo; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that publicly available and accessible restrooms should provide child caregivers a safe, sanitary, and convenient diaper changing stations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that regulations requiring the installation of diaper changing stations in publicly available and accessible restrooms would be beneficial to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that all city owned buildings should provide, to the greatest extent possible, a diaper changing station in their publically accessible restrooms; and

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

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII - DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS

Section 18-30. – Definitions.

In this Article:

- (1) COMMERCIAL BUSINESS means a facility which is used for commercial activities, such as retail, the providing of services, or food services.
- (2) DIAPER CHANGING STATION means a baby changing station, deck, table, or similar amenity that is intended for use by the public for the purpose of changing diapers on children weighing up to 50 pounds.

- (3) GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOM means a single-user public restroom that is available without preference to a specific gender.
- (4) MAJOR RENOVATION means reconstruction, alteration, or renovation of an existing structure that involves reconfiguration of a public restroom, which would require a permit from the building development services department.
- (5) NEW CONSTRUCTION means construction of a structure that was permitted after September 8, 2020 and that requires public restrooms.
- (6) PUBLIC RESTROOMS means a restroom that is publicly available and accessible.

Section 18.31. – Applicability

- (a) This Article only applies to:
 - (1) new constructions and existing city-owned buildings;
 - (2) new constructions and major renovations of commercial businesses;

Section 18.32. – Diaper Changing Station Required

- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (c), each floor of a structure with one or more public restrooms must include the number of compliant diaper changing stations described below:
 - (1) If the diaper changing station is installed within a gender neutral restroom, at least one diaper changing station shall be provided per floor; or
 - (2) If the diaper changing station is installed within a gender specific restroom, at least one diaper changing station shall be provided for each gender per floor.
- (b) A diaper changing station is compliant if it complies with federal, state, and local accessibility and safety standards.
- (c) For existing facilities undergoing major renovations and existing city-owned buildings, the building official may modify or waive the requirements in Subsection (a) if the building official determines that the:
 - (1) Spatial or structural limitations of the public restroom will not accommodate a compliant diaper changing station; or
 - (2) Installation of a compliant diaper changing station will make the public restroom noncompliant with federal, state, or local accessibility and safety requirements.

Section 18.33. – Enforcement

- (a) Any person who knowingly violates or fails to comply with any provision of this article shall have committed an offense and shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

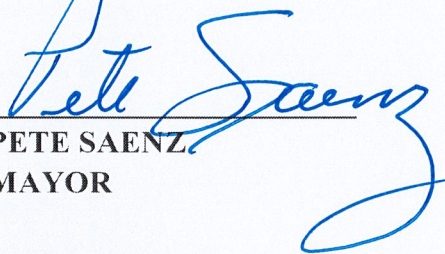
Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

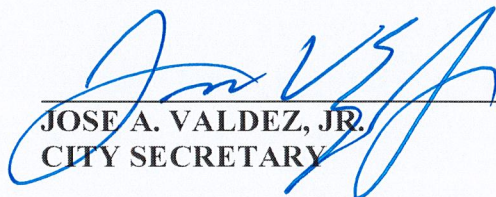
Section 4. The City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 8th DAY OF September 2020.


PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

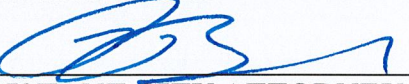
ATTESTED:


JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KRISTINA K. LAUREL HALE
CITY ATTORNEY

BY: 
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
RICARDO BENAVIDES, III

Final Reading of Ordinances 13.**City Council-Regular****Meeting Date:** 09/08/2020**Initiated By:** Riazul Mia, Assistant City Manager**Initiated By:** Riazul Mia, Assistant City Manager, P.E.**Staff Source:** Arturo Garcia, Building Development Services Director

SUBJECT

2020-O-105 An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article VII to require the installation of diaper changing station in all city-owned buildings, newly constructed commercial buildings and commercial building undergoing major renovation; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On August 17, 2020, City Council Introduced this ordinance.

BACKGROUND

This ordinance is related to the need for Diaper Changing Stations in order to provide child caregivers a safe, sanitary, and convenient diaper changing station would be beneficial to community residents. The Council finds that all city owned buildings should provide to the greatest extent possible a diaper changing station in their publicly accessible restrooms. Furthermore, all new construction and major renovations at commercial projects will require the installation of diaper changing stations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That this ordinance be passed.

Fiscal Impact**Fiscal Year:****Budgeted Y/N?:****Source of Funds:****Account #:****Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:****FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

Attachments

Diaper Changing Station Ordinance

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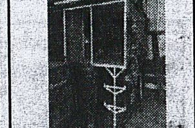
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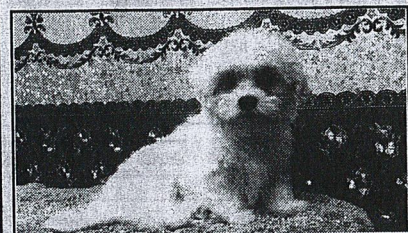
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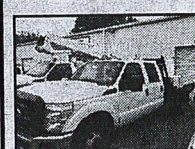


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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR WASTEWATER**

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010681001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Laredo,
Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040, has applied to the Tex-
Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of
Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No.
010681001, which authorizes the discharge of effluent from
treatment plant at an annual average flow not to exceed
1,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on
March 4, 2020.

The facility is located at 2519 Jefferson Street, Laredo, in Webb
County, Texas 78040. The treated effluent is discharged to Rio
de Below Amistad Reservoir in Segment No. 2304 of the Rio
de Grande River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 2304
are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high
aquatic life uses. All determinations are preliminary and subject to
final review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of
the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy
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TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of
the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if
approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility
may operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary deci-
sion that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory
requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's prelimi-
nary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing online at
www.laredolibrary.org/public-review-documents/.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public
comments or request a public meeting about this application.
The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to
submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ
holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that
there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER**

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010681007

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Laredo,
1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040, has applied to the Tex-
Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of
Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No.
WQ0010681007 which authorizes the discharge of treated domes-
tic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 72,000 gallons
per day. TCEQ received this application on March 4, 2020.

The facility is located approximately 9,865 feet west of the inter-
section of Farm-to-Market Road 3338 (Las Tiendas) and Rancho
Penitas Road, in Webb County, Texas 78045. The treated effluent is
discharged to an unnamed tributary, thence to Santa Isabel Creek,
thence to the Rio Grande Below Amistad Reservoir in Segment No.
2304 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water
uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and
high aquatic life use for Santa Isabel Creek. The designated uses
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