

ORDINANCE NO.2021-O-164

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 7-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 24, APPENDIX D, PERMIT FEES, TO ESTABLISH A NEW TECHNOLOGY FEE FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (AS AMENDED).

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is a Home Rule City acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo strives to innovate and provide timely and efficient service to the citizens of Laredo via implementation of new technological systems which will present customers with up-to-the-minute plan review and permit status updates; and

WHEREAS, these new technologies will provide customers with reduced time and printing costs, as well as greater touchless capabilities as project applications, plans, and payments can be handled via this technology; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and desirable to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinances and the Land Development Code as set forth in this Ordinance.

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

Section 1: The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Section 7-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-2. – Same Amendments

The following sections of the International Building Code are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo:

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Section 109.2 Schedule of Permit Fees. On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the following schedule established herein:

SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES

TECHNOLOGY FEE – COMMERCIAL

A technology fee of the following amounts will be assessed to every commercial permit based on the valuation of the construction to provide for new plan review systems to aid in overall department efficiency:

	<u>Fee</u>
<u>\$100,000 or less</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Greater than \$100,000</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>

TECHNOLOGY FEE – RESIDENTIAL

A technology fee in the amount of \$20.00 will be assessed to every residential permit to provide for new plan review systems to aid in overall department efficiency.

Section 2: The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Appendix D, Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

PERMIT FEES

(1) Building Fees

(a) The fess for permits required by section 24.16.1 of this code shall be as follows:

TECHNOLOGY FEE

To provide for new plan review systems to aid in overall department efficiency, the fees shall be:

Commercial

<u>\$100,000 or less</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Greater than \$100,000</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>

Residential

<u>All Projects</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
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PLAN CHECKING FEES

(2) Electrical Fee

(a) The fees for permits required by section 24.20.1 of this chapter shall be as follows:

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(5) Technology fee 10.00 each

(3) Plumbing Permits

(a) Permits fees shall be charged and collected for plumbing work, extensions or repairs as follows:

PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

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(c) A technology fee in the amount of \$10.00 will be assessed to every residential permit to provide for new plan review systems to aid in overall department efficiency.

(4) Mechanical Permits

Permits for mechanical work required under 24.15. (3) shall be as follows:

MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

Initial Fee

For issuing each permit \$20.00
Technology fee \$10.00

Section 3: 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 4: 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.

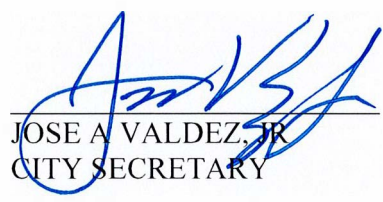
Section 5: The City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

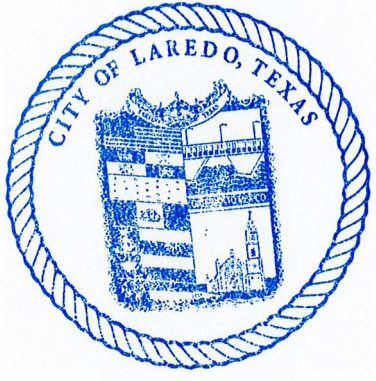
Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective October 15, 2021.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 7
DAY OF September, 2021

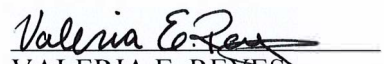

PETE SAENZ, JR
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


VALERIA E. REYES
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

City Council

Meeting Date: 09/07/2021

Initiated By: Riazul Mia, Assistant City Manager

Initiated By: Gerardo Pinzon, Acting Building Director

Staff Source: Gerardo Pinzon, Acting Building Director

SUBJECT

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2021-O-164 Amending Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Section 7-2 of the Code of Ordinances and Chapter 24, Appendix D, permit fees, to establish a new technology fee for commercial and residential construction; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On August 16, 2021, Council introduced the Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo strives to to innovate and provide timely and efficient service to the citizens of Laredo via the implementation of new technological systems which will present customers with up-to-the-minute plan review and permit status updates. The amendments to the code of ordinances will fund these new technologies to provide customers with reduced time and printing costs as well as greater touchless capabilities as project applications, plans, and payments can be handled via this new technology. The following are the updates to the Permit Fees:

Technology Fee	<u>Fee</u>
\$100,000 or less (Commercial)	\$150.00
Greater than \$100,000 (Commercial)	\$300.00
All New Residential Projects	\$20.00

All Professional New Residential Projects (Electrical, Plumbing, & Mechanical)	\$10.00
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve this Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fees will be deposited into General Fund.

Attachments

Technology Fee

Sunday, September 12, 2021.



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(Deadline until position is filled) \$44,640-\$65,556
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The **LAREDO COLLEGE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES** invites all interested parties to submit statements of qualifications for "**Architectural/Engineering Professional Services**" Request for Qualifications are available in the office of the Purchasing Building P-49 with the Purchasing Director in Room 101 of Building P-49, West End Washington Street, Laredo, TX 78040, online at www.laredo.edu and at the State of Texas Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) website at <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/>. Statement of Qualifications will be received through 3:00 P.M. on, Thursday, September 30, 2021 and will be opened the same day.
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