## CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-11

Amending Article 11.03 of the Code of Ordinances – Parking Damaged or Undriveable Vehicles

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS, ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO PARKING DAMAGED OR UNDRIVEABLE VEHICLES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11.03 "PARKING"; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lavon ("City Council") has investigated and determined that it would be advantageous and beneficial to the citizens of the City of Lavon, Texas ("Lavon") to amend Lavon's Code of Ordinances in Chapter 11.03 to amend regulations related to the parking of damaged or undriveable vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority under state law to adopt the regulations herein.

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

#### **SECTION 1. RECITALS**

The City Council hereby finds that the statements set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance are true and correct, and the City Council hereby incorporates such recitals as part of this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT**

Section 11.03.002 "Definitions" of Layon's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding:

"<u>Damaged or Undriveable Vehicles</u>. Any motor vehicle with a deflated tire or tires or a missing wheel or wheels or any other visible missing part to said vehicle which would be necessary in order for said vehicle to be driven; or is incapable of being driven or operated for any reason; or has been wrecked to the point that the vehicle is inoperable; or has damaged parts of the vehicle partially detached; or is partially dismantled."

Section 11.03.003 "Offenses" of Lavon's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding:

"(v) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow a vehicle to remain parked upon any public street, alley, or public property that is a damaged or undriveable vehicle as defined in this ordinance.

#### **SECTION 3.** Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

#### **SECTION 4. Proper Notice and Meeting**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

## **SECTION 5. Severability**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance be 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 or sections of this Ordinance, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be enforced as written.

# **SECTION 6. Repealer and Savings**

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinance of Lavon and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such ordinances except in those instances where provisions of those ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance; whether such ordinances are codified or uncodified, and all other provisions of the ordinances of Lavon, codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect. Any repeal occurring due to this provision shall not abate any pending prosecution or lawsuit and/or prevent any prosecution or lawsuit from being commenced for any violation occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance.

# **SECTION 7. Open Meeting**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas this 19th day of August 2025.

icki Sanson Mayor

ATTEST:

Rae Norton, City Secretary