

CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03-06

Amending Article 11.03 of the Code of Ordinances – Parking Unregistered Vehicles

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS, ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO PARKING UNREGISTERED VEHICLES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE 11.03 “PARKING”; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; 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 unregistered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority under state law to adopt the regulations Herein and finds it to be in the best interest of the residents of the City of Lavon to do so.

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. AMENDMENTS

- A. Section 11.03.002 “Definitions” of the City of Lavon’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding:

“Unregistered Motor Vehicle. Any motor vehicle which does not have affixed a current and valid registration from the State of Texas or another State.”

- B. Section 11.03.003 “Offenses” of the City of Lavon’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding:

“(t) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any Unregistered Motor Vehicle upon any public street, alley, or public property.

“(u) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow an Unregistered Motor Vehicle to remain parked any upon any public street, alley, or public property.”

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 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. PENALTY. Any person, firm, corporation, or entity violating this Ordinance, as it exists or may be amended, shall be subject to the penalty as described in Section 1103.004. The penal provisions imposed under this Ordinance shall not preclude the City from filing suit to enjoin the violation. The City retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state, and federal law.

SECTION 8. OPEN MEETING That it is hereby 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 4th day of March 2025.


Vicki Sanson Mayor

ATTEST:


Rae Norton, City Secretary

