

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UVALDE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.08 FIREPREVENTION CODE AND REGULATIONS OF THE UVALDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY CLAUSES; PROVIDING OPEN MEETINGS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, providing access for emergency vehicles is essential for the safety of our citizens,

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amendment of Chapter 8.08:

8.08.030 - Fire Lanes

A. It is unlawful to stop, park or stand any non-emergency motor vehicle in an area properly marked as a fire lane per the requirements of Section 503 of the International Fire Code as adopted by the City of Uvalde, so as to obstruct the same, in whole or in part.

B. The Fire Marshal, any Building Official or other Code Enforcement Officer, or any member of the police department is authorized to issue citations for violations of this section.

C. Any unauthorized motor vehicle stopped, parked or left standing in a properly marked fire lane as designated by the Fire Marshal, whether on public or private property, may be removed by or on the authority of the Fire Marshal or any person authorized to have vehicles towed under state law or this code.

Section 3. Penalty Clause. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, within the City limits shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be liable for a fine not to exceed the sum set out in Section 1.12.010 of this Code. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Proof of a culpable mental state shall not be required to establish a violation of this ordinance. Such penalty shall be in addition to all the other remedies provided herein.

Section 4. Savings Clause. All rights and remedies of the City of Uvalde are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances affecting fire lanes which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provision of the Texas Local Government Code and the City Charter.

Section 6. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation into this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12 day of June, 2018.

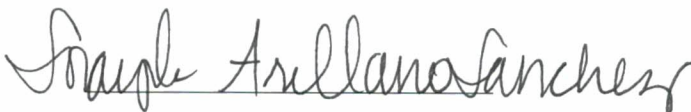
The City of Uvalde, Texas



~~Don McLaughlin, Jr., Mayor~~

Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Sorayda Sanchez, City Secretary