

**CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04-04**

Amending Article 11.03 of the Code of Ordinances – Parking in Front yard

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS, ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO PARKING IN FRONT YARDS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 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 in the front yard of residential lots; 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 11.03.003 “Offenses” of Lavon’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by replacing Section 11.03.003(k) with:

“(k) Except as authorized in 11.03.007, it shall be unlawful for any person to park any of the following between a lot’s front building line and the edge of pavement of the street unless parked on a paved or improved surface: motor vehicle, truck camper in combination with its carrying vehicle, watercraft loaded on a watercraft trailer, watercraft, collapsible camper-trailer, trailer, motor home, or farming equipment.

Article 11.03 “Parking” of Lavon’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Section 11.03.007 “Special Event Parking on Unimproved Surface”:

“11.03.007 Special Event Parking on Unimproved Surface

a) A person holding a special event who wishes to park cars, passenger vans, sport utility vehicles, pickups and/or motorcycles on unimproved surfaces of their property between a lot’s front building line and the edge of pavement of the street may apply to the Lavon Police Department during normal business hours for a special event parking permit.

1) Residents whose property is greater than one half (1/2) acre may be eligible for a special event parking permit.

2) The following vehicles are not eligible for a special event parking permit: commercial vehicles, boats, campers, trailers, or recreational vehicles.

3) An application for a special event parking permit shall contain the following information:

i) The name of the person responsible for parking the vehicles.

ii) The home address and phone number of the person responsible for parking the vehicles.

iii) A current phone number for the person responsible for parking the vehicles.

iv) The address where the special event parking will occur.

v) The date and times of the event.

vi) A signature of the applicant acknowledging the limitations of the special event and attesting they are legally authorized to allow parking at the specified location.

b) The chief of police or his designee may issue or decline to issue a special event parking permit at their discretion.

c) A special event parking permit is valid only for the date and location on its face.

d) A special event parking permit is invalid if any of the vehicles are in violation of any law or ordinance.

e) A special event parking permit is invalid for any vehicle that does not display current and valid vehicle registration.

f) A special event parking permit must be on a sign generally at the center of the street frontage of the lot where the parking for the event is to occur and be clearly visible to officers for inspection of the permit.

g) A special event parking permit used or displayed in any manner not consistent with this chapter is invalid.

h) A special event parking permit shall be valid for up to 24 hours.

i) No more than ten (10) special event parking permits shall be issued for a single location within a calendar year.

j) No special event parking permit shall be issued for a location that received a special event parking permit in the previous 28 calendar days.”

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

  
Vicki Sanson Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rae Norton, City Secretary

