

CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07-07

Adding Article 8.10 to the Code of Ordinances – Interference with City Employees

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS,
ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO
ADDING ARTICLE 8.10 PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE
WITH CITY EMPLOYEES; 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 is advantageous and necessary to ensure that employees of the City of Lavon are able to perform their official duties without obstruction, interference, or hindrance; 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. ARTICLE 8.10 INTERFERENCE WITH CITY EMPLOYEES

Article 8.10, "Interference with City Employees," is hereby added to the Lavon Code of Ordinances.

Article 8.10.001 Definitions

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

"City Employee" shall mean any officer, agent, or employee of the City of Lavon, including but not limited to police officers, code enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, public works employees, and any other person acting under the authority of the City.

“Interfere” shall mean to obstruct, impede, hinder, prevent, or delay a City employee in the performance of official duties.

“Official Duties” shall mean any duty or function that a City employee is lawfully authorized to perform by virtue of employment, ordinance, or state law.

Article 8.10.002 Offenses

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly interfere with a City employee while the employee is performing official duties.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person without lawful privilege or authority, interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with a City employee engaged in the performance of official duties.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to comply with a lawful order or direction of a City employee when such order or direction is reasonably necessary to carry out the employee’s official duties.

(d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit constitutionally protected speech or lawful observation of City employees, provided such conduct does not physically interfere with the performance of official duties.”

Article 8.10.003 Penalty

(a) A person who violates any provision of this article commits a misdemeanor offense.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by state law, an offense under this article shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), in accordance with Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances.

(c) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this article that the conduct involved interference with a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel while such personnel were performing official duties, the offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), as permitted by state law governing public health and safety regulations.

(d) Each act of interference shall constitute a separate offense.”

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 uncoded, and all other provisions of the ordinances of Lavon, codified or uncoded, 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

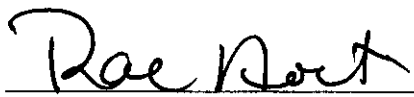
It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas
this 7th day of July 2026.


Vicki Sanson
Mayor



ATTEST:


Rae Norton, City Secretary