

**CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 250916-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3 “BUILDING REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE 3.03 “CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS,” DIVISION 2 “BUILDING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.031 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 3 “ELECTRICAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.061 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 4 “PLUMBING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.101 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 5 “MECHANICAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.131 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 6 “FUEL AND GAS CODE,” SECTION 3.03.161 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 7 “RESIDENTIAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.191 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 8 “EXISTING BUILDING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.221 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 9 “SWIMMING POOL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.251 “ADOPTED,” TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODES AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS AND RETITLE THESE SECTIONS; AND BY REPEALING DIVISION 10 “EXCAVATION AND GRADING CODE,” AND DIVISION 11 “AMUSEMENT DEVICE CODE,” IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION,” ARTICLE 5.04 “FIRE PREVENTION CODE,” SECTION 5.04.001 “ADOPTION,” AND SECTION 5.04.002 “AMENDMENTS,” TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS AND RETITLE THESE SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON CONVICTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND A SEPARATE OFFENSE SHALL BE DEEMED COMMITTED UPON EACH DAY DURING OR WHICH A VIOLATION OCCURS OR CONTINUES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Leonard (the “City”) is a General Law Type A municipality located in Fannin County, Texas, created in accordance with provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001(1) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt, publish, amend, or repeal an ordinance, rule or police regulations that is for the good government, peace or order of the municipality and is necessary or

proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality or to an office or department of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City to adopt, in all the respects the various International Codes created by the International Code Council, an association “dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build, and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable, and resilient structures; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the desire of the City to adopt, in all respects the National Electric Code created by the National Fire Protection Association, “A global nonprofit organization, established in 1896, devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.”; and

**WHEREAS**, NCTCOG’S Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) and its Advisory Boards comprised of over 100 code professionals representing local jurisdictions and professional associations have conducted reviews and open meetings of the international codes and have provided recommended regional amendments (“local amendments”) to the various codes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is currently operating under the 2012 International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Plumbing Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code, Swimming Pool Code, Excavation and Grading Code, Amusement Device Code, and Fire Code (“International Codes”); and

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes are intended to be updated periodically, the City has reviewed the 2024 editions, and the 2023 of the Electrical Code respectively, and determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Leonard to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Codes as minimum standards, as set forth herein, and to adopt local amendments, in order to account for unique local practices and/or conditions relating to the design and construction of structures within the territorial limits of the City, and attached hereto as **Exhibits “A” – “I”**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. Incorporation of Findings.** The findings set forth above are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2. International Codes Adopted.** The 2024 International Codes published by the International Code Council, Inc. and National Fire Protection Association are hereby adopted and designated as the official Codes of the City of Leonard, Texas, by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

(1) *International Building Code*, 2024 edition

- (2) *National Electrical Code*, 2023 edition
- (3) *International Plumbing Code*, 2024 edition
- (4) *International Mechanical Code*, 2024 edition
- (5) *International Fuel Gas Code*, 2024 edition
- (6) *International Residential Code*, 2024 edition
- (7) *International Existing Building Code*, 2024 edition
- (8) *International Swimming and Spa Code*, 2023 edition
- (9) *International Fire Code*, 2024 edition

**Section 3. Local Amendments.** The City Council of the City of Leonard, Texas has determined that the following regional amendments (“Local Amendments”) from the North Central Texas Council of Governments, attached hereto as Exhibits “A” through “I,” are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully. The material contained in the Exhibits shall not be included in the formal municipal codification of ordinances, but shall be made available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the City Secretary’s office:

- (1) 2024 *International Building Code* – Local Amendments, Option A
- (2) *National Electrical Code* 2024
- (3) 2024 *International Plumbing Code*
- (4) 2024 *International Mechanical Code*
- (5) 2024 *International Fuel Gas Code*
- (6) 2024 *International Residential Code*
- (7) 2024 *International Existing Building Code*
- (8) 2024 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*
- (9) 2024 *International Fire Code* – Local Amendments, Option A

**Section 4. Article 3.03 Amendment.**

**4.01.** That Section 3.03.031, “Adoption” of Division 2, “Building Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.031,

“Adoption” of Division 2, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.031 Building code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Building Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of structures in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Building Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Building Code **(Option A)**. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.02.** That Section 3.03.061, “Adoption” of Division 3 “Electrical Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.061, “Adoption” of Division 3, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.061 Electrical code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the National Electrical Code, with appendices, published by the National Fire Prevention Association, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of structures in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such National Electrical Code, 2023 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.03.** That Section 3.03.101, “Adoption” of Division 4 “Plumbing Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.101, “Adoption” of Division 4, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.101. Plumbing code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Plumbing Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of structures in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Plumbing Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Plumbing Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.04.** That Section 3.03.131, “Adoption” of Division 5 “Mechanical Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.131, “Adoption” of Division 5, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.131 Mechanical code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Mechanical Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating

and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of mechanical systems in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Mechanical Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary's office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Mechanical Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary."

**4.05.** That Section 3.03.161, "Adoption" of Division 6 "Fuel Gas Code" of Article 3.03 "Construction Codes and Standards", of Chapter 3 "Building Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.161, "Adoption" of Division 6, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**"Section 3.03.161 Fuel gas code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Fuel Gas Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of buildings in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary's office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary."

**4.06.** That Section 3.03.191, "Adoption" of Division 7 "Residential Code" of Article 3.03 "Construction Codes and Standards", of Chapter 3 "Building Regulations" of the Code of

Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.191, “Adoption” of Division 7, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.191 Residential code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Residential Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Residential Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.07.** That Section 3.03.221, “Adoption” of Division 8 “Existing Building Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed and a new Section 3.03.221, “Adoption” of Division 8, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.221 Existing building code adopted; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Existing Building Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of structures in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Existing Building Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The

designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Existing Building Code. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.08.** That Section 3.03.251, “Adoption” of Division 9 “Swimming Pool Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 3.03.251, “Adoption” of Division 9 “Swimming Pool and Spa”, Article 3.03, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 3.03.251 Swimming pool and spa code; amendments.**

**(a)** Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Swimming and Spa Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of swimming pools and spas in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Swimming and Spa Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

**(b)** Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**4.09.** That Section 3.03.281, “Adoption” of Division 10 “Excavation and Grading Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed in its entirety with all other sections and subsections of Article 3.03 not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect.

**4.10.** That Section 3.03.331, “Adoption” of Division 11 “Amusement Device Code” of Article 3.03 “Construction Codes and Standards”, of Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” of the Code

of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed in its entirety with all other sections and subsections of Article 3.03 not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Article 5.04 Amendment.**

**5.01.** That Section 5.04.001, “Adoption” of Article 5.04 “Fire Prevention Code,” of Chapter 5 “Fire Prevention and Protection” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed, and new Section 5.04.001, “Adoption” of Article 5.04, Chapter 5, of the Code of Ordinances hereby adopted to be and read in its entirety as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect:

**“Section 5.04.001 Fire code adoption; amendments.**

(a) Certain documents, one copy of which is on file with the City Secretary, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, with appendices, published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the city, for regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of swimming pools and spas in the city, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fire Code, 2024 edition, on file in the city secretary’s office, are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part thereof as if fully set out in this section. The designated city official who has duties corresponding to those in the adopted code shall be deemed to be the official responsible for enforcing the provisions of the adopted code.

(b) The City of Leonard has adopted all local amendments recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code **(Option A)**. Any and all deletions, additions, amendments made by the designated city official are hereby approved and adopted by reference and copies can be found with the City Secretary.”

**5.02.** That Section 5.04.002, “Amendments” of Article 5.04 “Fire Prevention Code,” of Chapter 5 “Fire Prevention and Protection” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leonard, Texas, is hereby repealed in its entirety with all other sections and subsections of Article 5.04 not expressly amended hereby to remain in full force and effect

**Section 6. Severability.** That 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, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such voidness, ineffectiveness or unconstitutionality 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 herein of any such void, ineffective or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 7. Penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or other entity to violate any provision of this Ordinance, and any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined, upon conviction, an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**Section 8. Savings and Repealer.** All provisions of any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the Ordinance. Any remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

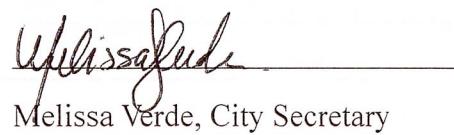
**Section 9. Publication and Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect on its final passage and publication as required by Texas law, and it is so ordained.

**DULY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the Leonard, Texas, on this 16th day of September 2025.



Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary



Exhibit "A"

2024 International Building Code, Option A - Local Amendments

Exhibit "B"

2023 National Electrical Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "C"

2024 International Plumbing Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "D"

2024 International Mechanical Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "E"

2024 International Fuel Gas Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "F"

2024 International Residential Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "G"

2024 International Existing Building Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "H"

2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code - Local Amendments

Exhibit "I"

2024 International Building Code, Option A - Local Amendments