ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE "2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE," VOLUMES 1 AND 2; THEREBY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING LODI MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.04 IN ITS ENTIRETY

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lodi does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 15.04, "California Building Code," is hereby repealed in its entirety and re-enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 15.04

Building Code

15.04.010 Adoption.
15.04.020 CBC Chapter 1, Division II (Board of Appeals).
15.04.030 CBC Chapter 1, Division II (Building Permit Fees and Valuation).
15.04.040 Fee Schedule.
15.04.050 Special Inspections – Downtown Business District.
15.04.060 Violation – Misdemeanor.

15.04.010 Adoption

The provisions set forth in the 2025 California Building Code, Volumes 1 and 2, including Chapter 1, Division II, Appendix I and J, California Building Code, thereto, are hereby adopted as the Building Code of the City of Lodi and copies of the same are maintained by the City Building Official and available for review in the Community Development Department. The Building Code of the City of Lodi shall apply to all matters pertaining to the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, conversion, demolition, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area, and maintenance of buildings or structures in the City of Lodi, California; the issuance of building permits and the collection of fees therefore; and the enforcement of the rules and regulations as set forth in said "2025 California Building Code," Volumes 1 and 2, California Building Code and the above designated appendixes thereto.

15.04.020 CBC Chapter 1, Division II (Board of Appeals)

Sec.113.1. In order to determine the suitability of alternate materials and types of construction and to provide for reasonable interpretations of this Chapter, the City Council shall sit as a Board of Appeals. The Building Official shall be an ex-officio member and shall act as secretary of the Board. Three members present shall constitute a quorum and no act of the Board shall be valid unless a majority of the full board shall concur therein.

The Board of Appeals shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting a meeting and investigations and shall render a decision and findings in duplicate. A copy will go to the Building Official with the other copy to the applicant.

15.04.030 CBC Chapter 1, Division II (Building Permit Fees and Valuation)

Sec. 109.1. Building Permit Fees. A fee for each building permit required by this Chapter shall be paid to the City of Lodi. Fees shall be paid prior to permit issuance.

Sec. 109.3 The valuation to be used in computing the building permit fee shall be the total valuation of all construction work for which the permit is issued, as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire extinguishing systems, and any other permanently installed equipment. For industrial facilities, the value of process equipment and heavy machinery supported by the structure or by its own foundation shall be included. Contractor overhead and profit shall be included.

15.04.040 Fee Schedule

The schedule of building permit fees required by this Chapter will be those established and adopted by the City Council from time to time by resolution.

15.04.050 Special Inspections – Downtown Business District

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, special inspection fees required to determine compliance with this Chapter for all buildings and structures located within the area designated by Lodi Municipal Code Section 13.12.195(B) as the "downtown business district" are waived.

B. The City Council finds and declares that the waiver of special inspection fees is taken to protect and preserve a crucial part of City's economy and to preserve a portion of the City's heritage by offering incentives for businesses to locate, relocate, or expand existing commercial uses within the "downtown business district."

15.04.060 Violation – Misdemeanor

A. It is unlawful for any person to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish, equip, use, occupy, or maintain any building or structure located within the City, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

B. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable on conviction as set forth in Chapter 1.08 of this Code. Each separate day or any portion of thereof, during which any violation of this Chapter occurs or continues, shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense and punished accordingly.

C. In addition to the penalties set forth in Section 15.04.060(B) above, City may at its sole discretion, seek to enforce this Chapter under Chapter 1.10 of this Code.

Section 2. No Mandatory Duty of Care. This ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed or given effect in a manner which imposes upon the City, or any officer or employee thereof, a mandatory duty of care towards persons or property within the

City or outside of the City so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

Section 5. Effective Date and Publication. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. In lieu of publication of the full text of the ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary of the ordinance may be published at least five (5) days prior to and fifteen (15) days after adoption by the City Council, and a certified copy shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk pursuant to Government Code section 36933(c)(1).

Approved this ___ day of January, 2026

RAMON YEPEZ
Mayor

Attest:

OLIVIA NASHED
City Clerk

State of California
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Olivia Nashed, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. _____ was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held December 17, 2025, and was thereafter passed, adopted, and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held January 7, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

I further certify that Ordinance No. ___ was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.

OLIVIA NASHED
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

KATIE LUCCHESI
City Attorney KL