

RESOLUTION 2010-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA FERIA'S INITIAL ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING AND FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of La Feria fully recognizes that Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act – the Fair Housing Act is not only national law and policy but a fundamental entitlement for all residents; and

WHEREAS, for several years the City has annually adopted and published a Fair Housing Proclamation in recognition of Fair Housing Month that states the City's policy to facilitate the opportunity for each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood or age; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the City adopted a La Feria Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age in the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services and declares that any such act of discrimination shall constitute a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes its obligation to affirmatively further free and fair housing choice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The Initial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Action Plan, dated September 28, 2010, is hereby adopted.
2. The City Planning Staff is directed to implement the steps contained in the Action Plan, including (a) the additional data analysis specified in the document; (b) circulation of the document to local groups known to have a particular interest in increasing the supply of affordable housing in the Lower Rio Grande Valley for the purpose of soliciting their input to the document, and (c) the scheduling of a public hearing on the document.

3. Because this is the City's Initial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Plan, City Staff is directed to report back to the City Commission in no less than one year's time as to the results of the additional analysis, input from the public, steps taken to implement the Fair Housing Action Plan, and suggested amendments to the Initial Analysis of Impediments and Fair Housing Action Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney