

ORDINANCE 2011-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02 TECHNICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL CODE CONGRESS/NATIONAL STORM SHELTER ASSOCIATION STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SHELTERS AS A NEW SUBSECTION 3.02.001(12) AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of La FERIA, a home-rule city, may adopt and enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property and to preserve the good government, order, and security of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, adoption and enforcement of building codes furthers public safety; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2005-18 the City adopted the International Code Council's 2003 series of codes including the building, residential, fire, performance for buildings and facilities, existing building, plumbing, mechanical, property maintenance, fuel gas, and energy conservation codes and the 2005 National Fire Protection Association 70 (2005 National Electrical Code); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2005-18 has been codified as Article 3.02 of the City of La FERIA Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has submitted grant applications to the Federal Department of Emergency Management (FEMA) for funds to construct two community storm shelters; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has mandated that eligibility for such funds is conditioned upon adoption of the 2008 International Code Congress/National Storm Shelter Association (ICC/NSSA) standards for the design and construction of Storm Shelters; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 ICC/NSSA standards for the design and construction of storm shelters are intended to provide minimum design and construction requirements for storm shelters that provides safe refuge from storms that produce high winds, hurricanes and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes and tornadoes can generate high winds that produce wind pressures on buildings and structures and create flying debris at levels and intensities that are higher than those for which most commercial and residential buildings are designed; and

WHEREAS, winds generated by hurricanes and tornadoes can be of such magnitude that persons are required to evacuate the area or seek protection in a shelter designed for safety in such conditions;

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


1. Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Article 3.02 Technical Codes is hereby amended to add a subsection as follows:

(12) 2008 International Code Congress/National Storm Shelter Association Standards for the design and construction of storm shelters.

2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately.

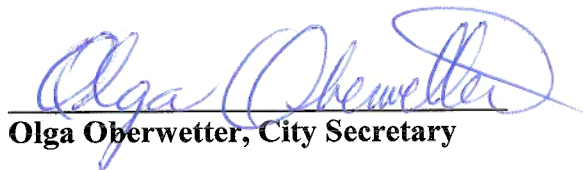
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

APPROVED:




Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney