

**ORDINANCE 2012-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND TAX RATES, FOR THE 2012 TAX YEAR, DISALLOWING DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF 2012 TAXES AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO ASSESS AND THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR OF CAMERON COUNTY TO COLLECT CITY OF LA FERIA 2012 TAXES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Feria's governing body has considered and approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; and

**WHEREAS**, ad valorem taxes are the main source of revenue for the City and as such, a 2012 tax rate must be established for the assessment and collection of same; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City of La Feria's governing body that the established rate be only as high as is needed to meet budget demands and fiscal responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, discounts for early payment of taxes has been ineffectual in increasing early tax payments,

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

1. The 2012 Tax Year Rate be established at \$0.70 per \$100.00 of property value with \$0.3661/\$100 of said rate used for long-term debt retirement and the remaining \$0.3339/\$100 to be used for maintenance and operations; and
2. Discounts for early payment of 2012 taxes be disallowed; and
3. The Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of La Feria is hereby authorized to assess and the Tax Assessor/Collector for Cameron County is hereby authorized to collect the 2012 City of La Feria taxes employing the above stated tax rate.

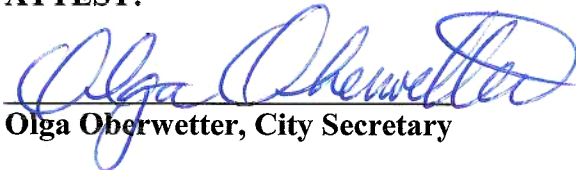
**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.**

**APPROVED:**



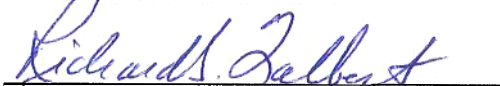
**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



**Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney**