

RESOLUTION 2013-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF WEEKEND VOTING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4 AND SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013 AND DESIGNATING THAT THE EXTENDED HOURS (12-HOUR DAYS) BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6 AND TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION 2013 AND ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4 TO BE FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY, MAY 5 TO BE FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the 79th Legislative Session of the State of Texas resulted in a number of changes in the Texas Election Code including changing the May uniform election date to the second Saturday in May; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria will hold the City General Election on May 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that early voting be held in the election process; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 57 modifies the early voting period to begin 12 days before the May election; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2309 stipulates that two days of the early voting period must be extended hour days on weekdays; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria has the option of selecting the two 12 hour days as long as they are weekdays; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that municipalities hold early voting by personal appearance during regular business hours; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria in the past has held early voting during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays only; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of La Feria is considering early voting during the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the weekend voting can be held only during the time period allowed by law for early voting; and

WHEREAS, the time period for early voting for the General Election 2013 is Monday, April 29 through Tuesday, May 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the only weekend that would meet the requirements for weekend early voting is Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary is the Early Voting Clerk and may order Saturday or Sunday voting by written order,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION OF 2013:

1. The two days for extended hours (12 hour days) for early voting be Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
2. That weekend voting is to be held on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, and that the hours for weekend voting be from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for Saturday, May 4 and from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

APPROVED:



Lori Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney