RESOLUTION 2014-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM) AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR A REDUCTION OF THE RETAINAGE REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT FROM TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) FOR THE PANCHO MAPLES FEMA SAFE ROOM PROJECT AND THE SOUTH MAIN FEMA SAFE ROOM PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria has received FEMA funding through TDEM for the construction of two FEMA Safe Room Projects to be located at 1001 Pancho Maples Drive and 1700 South Main Street; and

WHEREAS, TDEM/FEMA requires a twenty-five percent (25%) retainage requirement for payment reimbursement requests to the City of La Feria until such a time that they deem that the threshold of twenty-five percent (25%) overall project completion has been achieved at which time they will consider a request for a reduction in the retainage percentage requirement; and

WHEREAS, the retainage of twenty-five percent (25%) for each project would place an undue burden and severe stress on our limited city budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria believes that each project has achieved an overall 35% - 40% completion status based on the following benchmark items having been met: (1) Project Application; (2) Project Award from FEMA; (3) Submission and approval of final plans and specifications by TDEM; (4) Bid Opening; (5) Award of funds by FEMA for project cost overrun; (6) Pre-Construction Conference; and (7) Notice to Proceed issued on each project.

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

An official request is made to TDEM/FEMA requesting favorable consideration for the reduction of the required retainage percentage for payment reimbursements to the City of La Feria from twenty-five percent (25%) to five percent (5%) based on a current overall project progress status of 35% - 40%.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

APPROVED:

Victor Gonzalez, Tr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney