



Basic Requirements to Open a Business in La Feria

1. Locate in a commercial zoning district. These zoning districts include: C-1 (Restricted Commercial), C-2 (General Commercial), L-C (Light Commercial), and I (Industrial).

Alternatively, operation of a "home occupation" is permissible in a residential district if a Specific Use Permit is granted by the City Commission. The SUP application fee is \$150 and requires three to four weeks to process.

2. Apply for a Certificate of Occupancy Inspection - \$35 inspection fee. Please submit a site plan with this application, showing, at a minimum, lot lines, parking spaces, driveways, and building entrance. The building inspector and fire marshal must inspect the premises and approve it for the proposed use.

Minimum requirements include: handicapped accessible parking, an accessible route from the parking to the front door, and an accessible entrance. If alterations are made to the interior of the structure, a handicapped accessible restroom is also required. Minimum fire code requirements include: emergency exit lights, fire extinguishers, and adequate egress. Other requirements may apply.

3. Obtain a City of La Feria business license – one time fee of \$10.00 for most types of businesses. Other license fees apply to certain types of businesses including those selling alcohol.

4. Open water, wastewater and solid waste accounts with the City - \$100 deposit plus \$20 account initiation fee.

Monthly charges will depend on the amount of water used and trash generated. The minimum monthly charge for up to 3,000 gallons of water per month and one 300 gallon trash receptacle picked-up once weekly is \$59.50 per month (including a \$2/month emergency services fee).

Additional Rules Applicable to Food Establishments

1. Must adhere to State of Texas Food Establishment Rules, which are published by the Texas Department of Health Services and are available on that agency's website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/foodeestablishments/>
2. Must obtain a Cameron County Health Permit. That department can be reached at 956-247-3599. The permit application and an informational packet can be picked up from the County Office in San Benito.
3. Food establishments must have a grease interceptor installed on the sanitary sewer line.



CITY OF LA FERIA

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License Application

OWNER NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

()
BUSINESS

()
HOME

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OTHER

DRIVER LICENSE

NUMBER

STATE

NAME OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

TYPE OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

FEDERAL TAX ID

CITY OF LA FERIA

NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

Name of Business: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Planned Start Date of Business: _____

No. of Employees: _____

PRINCIPAL INFORMATION

Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of Business (Specify Under Category):

Retail: _____

Manufacturing: _____

Industrial: _____

Other: _____

NEW BUSINESS CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

City Hall Contact Person: _____

**CITY OF LA FERIA
115 EAST COMMERCIAL AVENUE
LA FERIA, TEXAS 78559**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Date: _____

Name of Building Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

**Applicant's Name
(if different from owner)** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Proposed Use of Building: _____

Building Location (Address): _____

Legal Description: Lot _____, Block _____, _____ Subdivision

Square Footage of Building: _____

Number of Existing Parking Spaces: _____

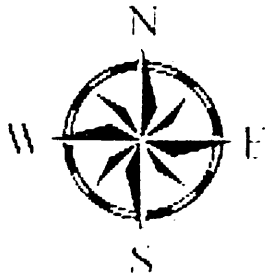
I hereby certify that the proposed development complies with all laws and ordinances governing the construction within the City of La Feria and that all information provided on this form is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

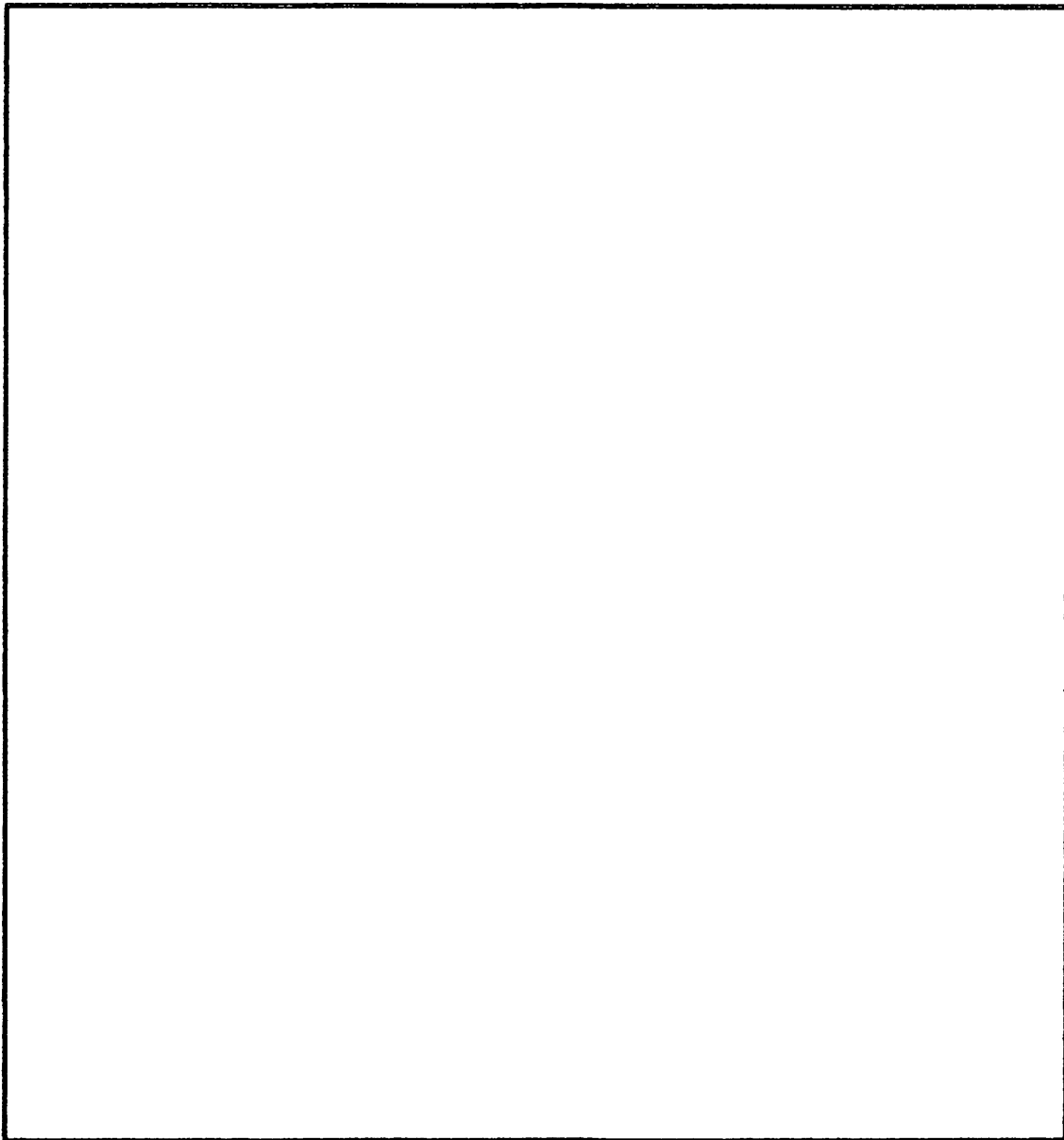
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Owner's Signature

Date



PROPERTY SITE MAP



****Indicate Location of Water Meter****