

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER 6.**

WHEREAS, the watershed along the North side of the Western reach of the Arroyo Colorado in Cameron County has experienced repeated, severe flooding over the years, damaging property and placing lives at risk; and

WHEREAS, most recently, this area has been impacted by severe flooding in 1996, 2003, 2008, 2010, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these floods, many residents lost their homes and belongings, crops and livestock were destroyed and municipalities suffered a loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, The area described above has experienced rapid growth during the past two decades, particularly in areas outside of the city limits of the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The existing drainage infrastructure within the area described above is designed primarily to drain the municipalities and agricultural areas, and is not capable of handling the additional stormwater generated by development in the areas outside of the city limits; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, the costs for maintaining the drainage infrastructure in the area are currently borne by the municipalities and the irrigation district, all of which lack the resources and authority to construct and maintain drainage facilities in areas outside of their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The area described above also lacks adequate access to drainage outfalls, as well as an entity with the overall ability to plan, construct and maintain drainage facilities on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this area, in recognition of the need for drainage improvements and an entity dedicating to planning, constructing and maintaining drainage facilities on a regional basis, have prepared a petition requesting the formation of a drainage district; and


WHEREAS, The City Commission wishes to express its support for the formation of Drainage District Number 6, as described in the petition dated February 11, 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the city Commission of the City of La FERIA hereby supports the formation of Drainage District Number 6, as described in the petition dated February 11, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Commission of the City of La FERIA hereby calls upon the Cameron County Commissioners' Court to hold a public hearing on said

petition, and to order an election to decide the question of the formation of the district as expeditiously as possible.

Passed and Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.

Signed by:   
Olga Maldonado, Mayor

Witnessed by:   
Amanda Morales, City Secretary