

**ORDINANCE 2022-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AMENDING A MONTHLY CHARGE TO ALL MUNICIPAL WATER ACCOUNTS WHICH WILL BE USED, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEFRAY COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES, ACQUISITION OF FIRE FIGHTING AND PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS AND REPEAL CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of La Feria, Texas determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of La Feria to keep the Fire and Police departments well equipped so fires can be suppressed as effectively as possible and safety can be enhanced; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Feria's Fire Department and Police Department are in need of additional funding for expenses associated with, but not limited to the maintenance and operation of their departments, and acquisition of fire fighting and public safety equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of La Feria has determined that a monthly charge added to the monthly water bills is the most effective method of reaching the users of said services;

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

**SECTION 1:** That there is hereby amends the following schedule of charges which the City of La Feria, Texas shall bill to the holder of each of its water accounts:

<b>Residential Accounts</b> (single family, Duplex, triplex and fourplex)	\$8.00/month per unit
<b>Multifamily Accounts</b> (Five or more units)	<b>Base Fee of \$7.00</b> \$0.50/month per unit
<b>Commercial Accounts</b>	\$9.00/month
<b>Churches</b>	\$9.00/month
<b>Schools</b>	\$22.00/month per campus
<b>Mobile Home/RV Parks:</b>	
1 - 25 Unit Park	\$20/month (October-March) \$11/Month (April-September)
26-100 Unit Park	\$25/Month (October-March) \$14/Month (April-September)

Above 100 Units Park

\$80/Month (October-March)

\$39/Month (April-September)

**SECTION 2:** The foregoing charges shall be included in the water bills which the City of La Feria, Texas issues on a monthly basis, and shall be due and payable as stated in those water bills;

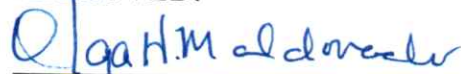
**SECTION 3:** The City of La Feria Texas shall use the revenue it shall receive from billing the foregoing charges to be used but not limited to construction and maintenance of emergency services, facilities, acquisition of firefighting equipment and acquisition of public safety equipment.

**SECTION 4:** If any portion of this ordinance shall for any reason be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances, and to this end, all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and

**SECTION 5:** That this ordinance shall be and become effective December 13, 2022 and the first billing of the foregoing charges shall be made in the January 2023 water bills issued by the City of La Feria, Texas.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.**

**APPROVED:**



**Olga Maldonado, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Amanda Morales, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney**