



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).
 - a. 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 \$400 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 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.
 - a. 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 business. Other license fees apply to certain types of business including those selling alcohol.
4. Open water, wastewater and solid waste accounts with the City of La Feria - \$200 deposit plus \$20 account activation fee.
 - a. Monthly charges will depend on the amount of waste used and trash generated. The minimum monthly charge for up to 3,000 gallons of water per month is #32.35. The monthly charge for trash receptacle is \$125 for 3 cubic yard dumpster and \$165 for a 4 cubic yard dumpster picked-up once weekly. A business must use the appropriate dumpster size for their anticipated volume of trash. An emergency services fee of \$9/month will be assessed monthly as well.

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 of the agency’s website:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/foodestablishments/>
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 of San Benito
3. Food establishments must have a grease interceptor installed on the sanitary sewer line.

CITY OF LA FERIA

NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

Name of Business: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Planned Start Date of Business: _____

Number of Employees: _____

PRINCIPAL INFORMATION

Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS (Specify under Category)

Retail: _____

Manufacturing: _____

Industrial: _____

Other: _____

NEW BUSINESS CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ City Hall Contact Person: _____



CITY OF LA FERIA

115 E. Commercial Avenue – La Feria, Texas 78559 – (956)797-2261

LICENSE APPLICATION

Owner Name(s): _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Driver License Number: _____ State: _____

Name of Business: _____

Business Description (Type of Business): _____

Business Address: _____

Federal Tax ID: _____



CITY OF LA FERIA
115 EAST COMMERCIAL AVENUE
LA FERIA, TX 78559

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Date: _____

Name of Building Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Name (If Different form Owner): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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

Date

Owner's Signature

Date