

ORDINANCE NO. 277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,
AUTHORIZING THE POLICE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE
TO ARREST WITHOUT A WARRANT THEREFOR UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; DIRECTING ALL POLICEMEN
TO MAKE ARRESTS, WITHOUT A WARRANT, WHEN A
STATE LAW OR CITY ORDINANCE HAS BEEN VIOLATED
IN HIS PRESENCE; DUTY IN CASE OF ARREST WITHOUT
WARRANT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. All policemen in the City of Mesquite, in the exercise of a sound discretion, may arrest without a warrant therefor, any person or persons found in suspicious places, or any person or persons found under circumstances reasonably tending to show that such person or persons have been guilty of some felony or breach of the peace, or violation of some municipal ordinance, or about to commit some offense against some state law or against some municipal ordinance.


SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of every policeman to make arrests, without a warrant, when a state law or city ordinance has been violated in his presence; but in making such arrest, and in conveying the offender to the jail, he shall use only such force as is necessary to effect his purpose.

SECTION 3. In all cases of the arrest of any person without a warrant, the policeman making the arrest shall bring such person forthwith before the Corporation Court, if in session, and if said Court be not in session, the said policeman shall commit such person to jail, there to be safely kept in custody until the said Court shall be in session, when such person shall be taken forthwith before the Court, there to be tried according to law; provided, that the Chief of Police, or any policeman, in the manner prescribed by ordinance, may take good and sufficient bail from such offender for his appearance before the Corporation Court.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of February, 1960.


James Fontenot
Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma G. McGaughey
City Secretary