

ORDINANCE NO. 346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNCILMEN AND MAYOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of December, 1960, a special election will be held in the City of Mesquite, Texas to amend the Home Rule Charter of the City so as to authorize the City Council by ordinance to provide for staggered terms of office and to determine which Places shall serve for the long term and which shall serve for the short term; and

WHEREAS, at said election proposed Amendment No. 2 will be submitted to the voters so as to provide for four (4) year terms of office for Councilmen and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, should the voters approve Amendment No. 3 authorizing staggered terms but fail to approve proposed Amendment No. 2, the City Council would be authorized by ordinance to provide for staggered two (2) year terms of office and to provide for the short and long terms.

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

SECTION 1. On the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1961, there shall be elected at an election to be called for that purpose Councilmen for Place No. 3, Place No. 4 and Place No. 5 who shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until their successors have been elected and shall qualify.

On the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1962 and every two (2) years thereafter on the first Tuesday in April there shall be elected at an election to be called for that purpose Councilmen for Place No. 3, Place No. 4 and Place No. 5 who shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until their successors shall have been elected and shall qualify.

SECTION 2. On the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1961 and every two (2) years thereafter on the first Tuesday in April there shall be elected at an election called for that purpose Mayor and Councilmen for Place No. 1, Place No. 2 and Place No. 6 who shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors shall have been elected and shall qualify.


SECTION 3. WHEREAS, at a special election to be held on the 3rd day of December, 1960, certain amendments to the Home Rule

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Charter of the City will be submitted to a vote of the people which, if proposed Amendment No. 1 is adopted, will increase the number of Councilmen from four to six, and if proposed Amendment No. 3 is adopted will authorize the Council by ordinance to provide for staggered terms of office, and if proposed Amendment No. 2 providing for four (4) year terms of office is not adopted the Council will be authorized by ordinance to provide for staggered two (2) year terms of office and the necessity of informing the voters and candidates for office prior to said election of the possible effect of the adoption of Amendments No. 1 and No. 3 and the failure to adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Charter creates an urgency and an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public business and in the public health, safety and general welfare of the City so that this ordinance can be considered at a called meeting of the City Council as provided for under Article IV, Section 18, of the Charter and further that this ordinance shall become effective only in the event that proposed Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 3 are adopted and Amendment No. 2 is not adopted at said special election. The adoption of proposed Amendment No. 4 and Amendment No. 5 will not affect the provisions of this ordinance.

DULY PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 29th day of November, 1960.

  
James Fontenot  
Mayor

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Norma G. McLaughly  
City Secretary