

ORDINANCE NO. 379

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL AND AN OFFENSE FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION TO SHOOT FIREARMS WITH LIVE OR BLANK CARTRIDGES OR AMMUNITION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE EXCEPT OF PEACE OFFICERS WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR PERMITS TO BE ISSUED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful and an offense for any person, firm, corporation, or association to fire or shoot or cause to be fired or shot any firearm, rifle, shotgun, automatic rifle, revolver, pistol or any other weapon designed for the purpose of firing or discharging a shell or cartridge whether such shell or cartridge is blank or live ammunition within the corporate limits of the City of Mesquite, except Peace Officers while in the performance of their official duties and except where a permit has been obtained by the Chief of Police or such other person as may be designated by the City Manager.

SECTION 2. The City Manager may prescribe the procedures to be followed in the issuance of the permits, as he, in his discretion, may deem necessary.

SECTION 3. Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined a penalty not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 4. WHEREAS, there are no regulations prohibiting the shooting of firearms within the City of Mesquite, Texas, creates an emergency in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite on the 17th day of July, 1961.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Noema G. McGaughy*  
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City Secretary