

ORDINANCE NO. 383

AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL AND AN OFFENSE FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO USE WATER FROM THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS; TO TAMPER OR INTERFERE WITH THE WATER SYSTEM; TO INTERFERE WITH THE FLOW OF WATER IN ANY WATER MAIN; TO TAKE WATER FROM OR CAUSE TO BE OPENED ANY FIRE HYDRANT WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take or use water from the City Water System without the written consent of the Water Department.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to tamper with or interfere in any manner with any water meters, service mains, standpipe or any other water department property.

Section 3: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to interfere with the flow of water in any water main or cause the flow of water to cease without the written consent of the water department.

Section 4: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use water from any fire hydrant or cause any fire hydrant to be opened except on written authority of the water department.

Section 5: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in corporation court, shall be subject to fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars for each offense.

Section 6: The fact that at the present time the ordinances and regulations of the City of Mesquite, Texas concerning interference with the water system of the City are inadequate, creates an urgency and an emergency in the immediate preservation of the public, business, property, health and safety and in the usual daily operation of municipal departments and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption as the law and charter in such cases provides.

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

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