

ORDINANCE NO. 393

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, 1960, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-13 AND SECTION 17-14 SO AS TO ESTABLISH RATES CHARGED BY TAXICABS AT \$.45 FOR THE FIRST TWO-FIFTHS MILE AND \$.10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL TWO-FIFTHS MILE AND TO PROVIDE A BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR ALL HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO OPERATE TAXICABS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-13 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, 1960, is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"Section 17-13. Rates

The rates charged by taxicabs operating within the City shall not exceed the rates set out in the following schedule:

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS	RATE FOR FIRST TWO-FIFTH MILE	RATE FOR EACH ADD. TWO-FIFTH MILE	WAITING TIME CHG.
1 - 4, both incl.	\$.45	\$.10	\$2.50 per hr.

Section 2. That Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-14 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, 1960, is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"Section 17-14.

(A) MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. Each holder of a certificate shall file with the Director of Finance a sworn statement showing all receipts for each calendar month and the sworn statement shall be filed on or before the 10th day of the succeeding calendar month.

(B) BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM. The holders of certificates shall install and accurately and correctly keep a system of books, which shall accurately reflect all receipts from the operation of taxicabs. Each system of bookkeeping

of each holder of a certificate shall be approved by the Director of Finance of the City. If, from time to time, the Director of Finance deems any changes in the bookkeeping system to be necessary, such changes shall be made immediately upon receipt of request from the Director of Finance to make such changes. The books shall be subject to inspection at any reasonable time by the City Manager or the Director of Finance, or by any person designated by the City Manager or the Director of Finance. There shall be submitted to the Director of Finance an annual financial statement reflecting gross receipts and disbursements and a balance sheet of the cab company. Said annual financial statement will cover the period from January 1 to December 31 each calendar year and shall be certified as true and correct by a registered Certified Public Accountant employed by the permit holder. This statement shall be filed with the Director of Finance within sixty days after the close of the calendar year. Failure or refusal to keep accurate, adequate and correct books of account, and to make such reasonable changes in bookkeeping systems as may be requested by the City Manager, shall be adequate and sufficient reason for the revocation and cancellation by the City Council of any certificate granted by it under the terms of this ordinance.

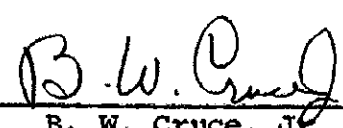
Section 3. All other provisions of the Code not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each offense.

Section 5. The fact that the present rates charged by the taxicabs in the City of Mesquite are inadequate and the fact that a new bookkeeping and accounting system is necessary create an urgency and an emergency in the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the preservation of the public business, and in order to proceed with the usual daily operation of the municipal departments creates an urgency and an emergency 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.

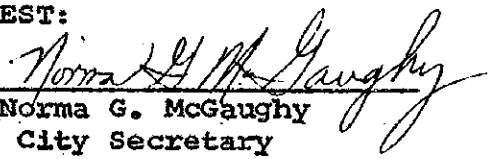
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DULY PASSED by the governing body on the 18th day of September,  
1961.



B. W. Cruce, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Norma G. McGaughy  
City Secretary