

ORDINANCE NO. 405

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE OF 1960 BY AMENDING SECTION 7-1 SO AS TO ADOPT THE 1959 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR METALLIC CONDUITS FOR WIRING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE IV - INSPECTIONS AND DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTIONS TO BE MADE BY THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICES OF DEFECTIVE OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Mesquite of 1960 be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 7-1 to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 7-1. Standards for installation of electrical equipment: All installations of electrical equipment shall be reasonably safe to persons and property and in conformity with the National Board of Fire Underwriters pamphlet No. 70, containing the 1959 edition of the National Electrical Code, or the National Electrical Safety Code or the electrical provisions of other safety codes which have been approved by the American Standards Association.

Provided, however, that all wiring for electric light and power hereafter installed within the fire limits of the the City of Mesquite and all wiring for electric light and power in service stations, churches, schools, theaters, hospitals, clinics, convalescent and nursing homes, places used for public gatherings, and the unfurnished basements in all buildings other than dwellings designed for the occupancy of not more than two families shall be installed in suitable, approved metallic conduits.

Section 2. That Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Mesquite of 1960 be, and the same is hereby amended by adding a new article to be known as Article IV - Inspections and Disconnection of Service, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE VI - INSPECTIONS AND DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE.

Section 7-19. Inspections: The Electrical Inspector or competent assistant appointed by him, shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter any building or premises in the discharge of their official duties, of for the purpose of making any inspection, reinspection or test of the electrical equipment or installation contained therein.

Section 7-20. Notice of Defective or Improperly Installed Electrical Equipment: When any electrical equipment is found by an inspector to be dangerous to persons or property because it is defective or improperly installed, the person, firm or corporation owning the electrical equipment shall be notified in writing and shall have any changes or repairs made as required by the Electrical Inspector which will place such equipment in safe condition.

Section 7-21. Disconnection of Electrical Service: If such work is not completed within the period specified by the inspector in the notice, the inspector shall have the authority to disconnect or order the disconnection of electric service to the dangerous electrical equipment. In cases of emergency, when necessary for safety to persons or property, or when electrical equipment may interfere with the work of the Fire Department, the senior officer of the Fire Department at the site shall have the authority to immediately cause the disconnection of any electrical equipment.


Section 7-22. Police Assistance: Whenever requested by the Electrical Inspector, the Police Department shall render such aid and assistance as may be necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the Electrical Code and to assist the Electrical Inspector in carrying out his duties.

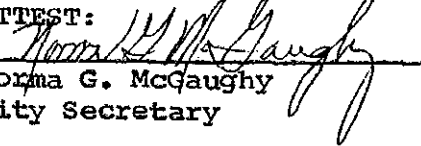
Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance and of the National Electrical Code, or neglecting or refusing to comply with any order or notice of the Electrical Inspector given under the provisions of this Ordinance of the Electrical Code, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in Corporation Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each offense, and each day that any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 4. Whereas, since the Code of the City of Mesquite of 1960 fails to adopt the 1959 Edition of the National Electrical Code and fails to require metallic conduits under certain circumstances, and does not adequately provide for inspections and disconnection of electrical service under certain circumstances, an urgency and emergency is created for the immediate preservation of the public business, property, health, safety and welfare, 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 provide.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite on the 16th day of October, 1961.


B. W. Cruce, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

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