ORDINANCE NO. 464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 453 OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATIONS OF SIGNS CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; REPEALING SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

- SECTION 1. That Paragraph G of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 453 is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:
- G. "Signs of a warning, directive or instructional nature erected by a public utility or transportation organization which operates under a franchise from the City of Mesquite, permitting the use of public property for the display of such signs, provided such signs shall be deemed by the City Manager to be necessary for the successful operation of the public utility or transportation organization".
- SECTION 2. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 453 be, and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows, to-wit:
- H. "Builder signs that are granted as a special privilege in Section 8a of Ordinance No. 452".
- <u>SECTION 3</u>. That the final paragraph of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 453 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following paragraph shall hereafter read as follows, to-wit:

"No permit for the erection of any sign shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation other than those licensed and bonded as provided in this ordinance except for those special signs provided for in Section 9, of Ordinance No. 452".

- SECTION 4. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 453 be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Paragraph No. 9 of Section 3 so as to read as follows, to-wit:

"No sign shall be permitted to remain on any vacant building except a sign pertaining to the rental, lease or sale of the building or a sign which is under lease from an owner or his agent when such a sign is maintained by any person, firm or corporation operating under bond."

SECTION 5. That the last paragraph of Section 8 of Ordinance No.453 shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to-wit:

"All public schools and churches shall be, and the same are exempt from paying sign permit fees. And all signs erected under Section 9 of Ordinance No. 452 are exempt from paying sign permit fees."

SECTION 6. 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 fined a sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each offense, and each day's violation thereof shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

In the event that any Section, Paragraph, Clause, Phrase or Sentence of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, and it shall not affect any of the provisions of Ordinance No. 453, it being the credit of the City Council that it would have passed the remaining parts of this ordinance if it had known that such part or parts thereof would be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Whereas Ordinance No. 453 of the City of Mesquite, Texas, needs to be amended and changed in the above and foregoing manner, creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare fequires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of its caption as the charter and law in such cases provides, and it is accordingly so ordained.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS on the 21 day of January 1963.

Mayor

Norma G. McGaughy

City Secretary