

ORDINANCE NO. 566

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-7, OF THE MESQUITE CITY CODE OF 1960 AND PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL LEAVE ANY REFRIGERATOR OR ICE BOX UNATTENDED WITHIN THE CITY WHERE THE SAME MAY BE ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN WITHOUT FIRST REMOVING THE LATCH OR LOCK FROM THE DOOR OF SAID REFRIGERATOR OR ICE BOX IN A MANNER SO AS TO RENDER SAID DOOR INCAPABLE OF BEING LOCKED OR LATCHED IN A CLOSED POSITION; 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 13, Section 13-7 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960 is hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

"Section 13-7. Ice Boxes, Refrigerators, etc.-
Leaving where accessible to children;
Removal of Door Latches and Locks.

No person shall leave any electric refrigerator, commercial refrigerator, cooling box or ice box unattended in any abandoned house, building, barn or structure of any kind or upon any vacant lot or any other premises in the city where the same may be available to or accessible to children without first removing the latch and lock from the door of such refrigerator or ice box in such a manner as to render said door incapable of being locked or latched in a closed position."

SECTION 2: All other provisions of Chapter 13 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance 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 and every day any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4: The fact that the present ordinance of the City is inadequate to regulate unattended refrigerators and ice boxes creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health safety and welfare 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.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE,
TEXAS, ON THE 5th day of October, 1964.

APPROVED:

B. L. Owens
Mayor

ATTEST:

Norman A. McLaughlin
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney