

ORDINANCE NO. 599

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING RULES OF THE MESQUITE PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RETURN BOOKS ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE MESQUITE PUBLIC LIBRARY; MAKING IT AN OFFENSE AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR DEFACING PROPERTY OF THE MESQUITE PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY BY FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF 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. That every person who shall take from the Mesquite Public Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, except in accordance with the rules of such library, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. That every person who shall take or borrow from the Mesquite Public Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property and neglect, refuse or fail to return the same within thirty days of the date of mailing a notice by registered mail with return receipt requested to his address, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. That every person who shall willfully or wantonly cut, mutilate, mark, tear, write upon, deface or otherwise destroy or injure in whole or in part, any book, pamphlet, periodical, map or document, picture, or written or engraved or printed matter belonging to the Mesquite Public Library, or shall suffer any such injury to be inflicted while such property is in his custody, or shall willfully or wantonly injure any of the furniture or property in the building of the Mesquite Public Library or any part thereof, or any fixtures therein or appurtenant thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. That should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, section or portion of this ordinance be held to be void and unenforcible, the remaining provisions of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

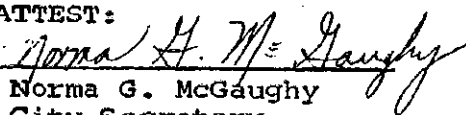
SECTION 5. That any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, except as may otherwise be provided by the Statutes of the State of Texas.

SECTION 6. The fact that there presently exists no ordinance of the City of Mesquite providing for punishment for the violating of the library rules, or for the neglect, refusal or failure to return books to the library, or for defacing or damaging library property, creates an urgency and an emergency in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption of said ordinance as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED by the governing body of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of August, 1965.


George Boyce
Mayor

ATTEST:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary