

ORDINANCE NO. 660

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE CITY CODE OF 1960 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 7-1 AND 7-3, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 7-14 AND 7-16, AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO SO AS TO ADOPT THE 1965 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO ENGAGE IN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING BUSINESS WITHOUT BEING A MASTER ELECTRICIAN OR HAVING CONTINUOUSLY IN HIS EMPLOYMENT A QUALIFIED MASTER ELECTRICIAN; PROVIDING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSES; ESTABLISHING ELECTRICAL EXAMINATION AND ANNUAL LICENSE FEES; REGULATING THE USE OF EXTENSION CORDS IN CONSTRUCTION AREAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

"SECTION 7-1. Standards for Installation of Electrical Equipment, Adoption of National Electrical Code.

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 1965 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. The 1965 edition of the National Electrical Code is hereby adopted the same as if copied in full herein.

Provided, however, that all wiring for electric light and power hereafter installed within the fire limits of the City 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, Article I, Section 7-3 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960, be and the same is hereby amended to hereinafter read as follows, to wit:

"SECTION 7-3. All electrical contractors to be licensed as Master Electricians.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the electrical contracting business without being a Master Electrician or having continuously in his employment a qualified Master Electrician who shall have active supervision over and be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this ordinance in its entirety."

SECTION 3. That Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-14 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

- (c) Specialist License: The term "specialist" shall mean any individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training and technical knowledge to install and maintain electrical conductors in residential buildings. He shall be capable of doing such work in accordance with plans and specifications furnished him and in accordance with standard rules and regulations governing such work.

Applicants for this license shall be not less than twenty years of age and shall have at least two years experience in the installation, alteration, repair and maintenance of electrical conductors or an equivalent experience thereto. Every applicant shall be required to answer a reasonable number of questions in writing to show he has sufficient knowledge and technical training to perform the work.

- (d) Contractors License: Contractors wishing to perform work in the City of Mesquite shall apply and present sufficient evidence that the firm possesses the necessary qualifications and competency to engage in the business of electrical construction.

No person who is not qualified as a Master Electrician, or have continuously in his employment a qualified Master Electrician, shall engage in the business of electrical contracting. This license may be revoked at any time the firm or employees of such firm, do not perform in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing such work.

SECTION 4. That Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-16 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960, be and the same is hereby amended so as to hereinafter read as follows, to wit:

"SECTION 7-16. Same-Fees.

Examination fees shall accompany applications for licenses as follows:

Master Electrician	\$5.00
Journeyman Electrician	2.00
Specialist	2.00

License fees shall be paid before the issuance of licenses as follows:

Contractors	\$50.00
Master Electrician	5.00
Journeyman Electrician	1.00
Specialist	1.00

The fiscal year for the payment of fees shall begin on January 1 and shall end on December 31 of the same year. In case of new licenses after July 1 of any year, the annual fee shall be one-half; provided, that renewal fees shall not be so pro-rated."

SECTION 5. That Chapter 7 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960, be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new section which shall hereinafter read as follows, to wit:

"Extension cords used in construction areas for construction purposes shall not terminate more than one hundred (100') feet from the source of power, and in no case shall said electrical extension cords cross a public walkway, roadway, or alleyway."

SECTION 6. All other provisions of Chapter 7 of the Mesquite City Code of 1960 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any provision of the 1965 edition of the National Electrical Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8. The fact that it is necessary to adopt the 1965 edition of the National Electrical Code as to provide current standards for the installation of electrical equipment in the City 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 publication of the caption as the law and charter in such cases provided.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 7 day of November, 1966.

APPROVED:

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