

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC PARKS WITHIN THE CITY OF MESQUITE; BY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN SUCH PARKS EXCEPT ON PAVED ROADWAYS AND PARKING AREAS; BY DEFINING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS ORDINANCE; BY EXEMPTING CITY VEHICLES FROM THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; BY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PERMIT OFF-STREET PARKING AT CERTAIN PARK SITES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; BY PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Operation of Motor Vehicles in Park Prohibited - Exceptions

That it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle in and upon all public parks, including designated City-School District park sites, situated within the city limits of the City of Mesquite, except on paved roadways and parking areas specifically designed for motor vehicle traffic.

SECTION 2. Motor Vehicle Defined

That for the purpose of this ordinance motor vehicle shall mean, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motorscooters, motorized bicycles, go-carts, and all other vehicles powered and propelled by any type of self-contained motor or engine and designed to be ridden or driven by a person.

SECTION 3. City Maintenance Vehicles Excepted

That the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to city-owned maintenance vehicles or city's contractors engaged in authorized construction, repair, or maintenance work in any such above named park.

SECTION 4. City Manager May Exempt Certain Park Sites

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to permit off-street parking at those park sites he may designate, provided such off-street parking shall be allowed only for special events and shall be limited to a specified length of time.

SECTION 5. Penalty

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 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

SECTION 6. Emergency

That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to control operation of motor vehicles within the public parks herein designated; creates an urgency and emergency in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and necessitates that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 19 day of August, 1968.

George Boyce

George Boyce - Mayor PRO TEM

ATTEST:

Norma G. McGaughy

Norma G. McGaughy - City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William R. Springfield

William R. Springfield - City Attorney