

## ORDINANCE NO. 796

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE MAKING OF FALSE REPORTS OR THE GIVING OF MISLEADING OR FALSIFIED INFORMATION TO ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OF SUCH CITY WHICH CAUSES ANY EMPLOYEE OF SUCH CITY TO DO ANY ACT IN RESPONSE THERETO OR TO PERFORM ANY ACT AS A RESULT THEREOF; BY PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; BY PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

SECTION 1. FALSE REPORTS - INFORMATION

That it shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully, in writing or orally, or by the use of any telephone, telegraph, radio, or mechanical device or contrivance whatsoever, to make, give or communicate a false report of any fact situation or to give falsified or misleading information concerning an existing fact situation to any member of a governmental agency of the City of Mesquite which causes such governmental agency to take any action or perform any service in response thereto.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

That for the purpose of this ordinance the below listed words and phrases shall have the meaning thereto defined:

- A. "Action Taken or Service Performed in Response Thereto" - Shall mean any act or service whatsoever; save those acts which cause an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in Article 6701d, V.A.C.S., to respond to such act as prohibited by Article 1724 of Vernon's Annotated Penal Code.
- B. "Governmental Agency" - Shall mean any officer or employee of the City of Mesquite including but not limited to, all members of the Fire and Police Departments of such City.

SECTION 3. PENALTY

That any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction therefore shall

be fined in an amount of not less than one dollar (\$1.00), nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY

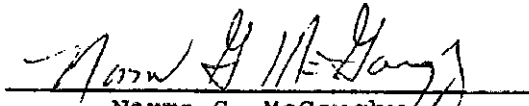
That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to prohibit the giving of false reports or information to the governmental agencies of such City creates an urgency and an emergency in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare and necessitates that this ordinance take effect immediately from and after its date of passage and the publication of its caption as the law in such cases provides.

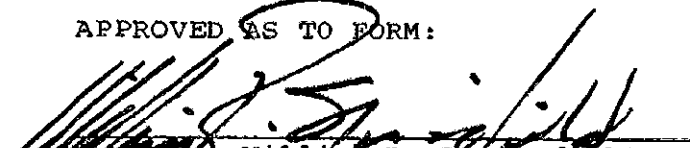
PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 19 day of May, 1969.

  
George Boyce  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Norma G. McGaughy  
City Secretary

  
William R. Springfield  
City Attorney