

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SUCH CITY BY PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; BY PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITIONS HEREOF; BY PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF AN AMOUNT 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. DEFINITIONS

That for the purposes of this Ordinance, "Dangerous Animals" shall mean all animals which are inherently not subject to domestication and including but not limited to all poisonous reptiles of whatever description.

SECTION 2. DANGEROUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED

That it shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to keep dangerous animals, as hereinabove devined, within the City limits of the City of Mesquite.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS

That the prohibitions of this Ordinance shall not be applicable to the keeping of any such dangerous animals for the purpose of scientific research or within the confines of a well regulated zoo or zoological garden specifically designed for the housing of such animals.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

That it is the intent of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance be deemed severable and in the event any one such provision be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect those provisions hereof left standing.


SECTION 5. PENALTY

That any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

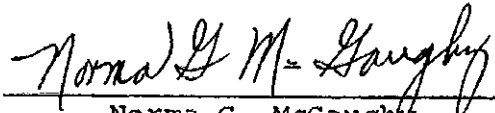
SECTION 6. EMERGENCY

That the present Ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to preclude the keeping of dangerous animals within the City constitutes 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 permits.

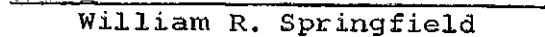
PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 4 day of May, A.D., 1970.

  
George Boyce  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Norma G. McGaughy  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
William R. Springfield  
City Attorney