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ORDINANCE NO. 1163

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, GRANTING TO THOSE PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO QUALIFY UNDER LAW, AN EXEMPTION FROM THE AD VALOREM TAXES ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING A DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1-b of the State Constitution has been amended by vote of the people by adding Subsection (b) allowing the governing body of the City to exempt Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed value of the residence homestead of persons sixty-five (65) years or older; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite has determined that it is in the public interest to grant such exemption;

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

SECTION 1. That there is hereby granted to those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, who qualify under law, an exemption from the ad valorem taxes assessed by the City of Mesquite, in the amount of Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed value of their residence homestead.

SECTION 2. That such exemption shall be obtained by making application to the City of Mesquite Tax Assessor-Collector not later than April 1, of the year for which the exemption is sought.

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. Publication shall be made as the law provides in such cases.

SECTION 5. The necessity to immediately put into effect the tax exemption as authorized herein creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the passage and publication of said ordinance.

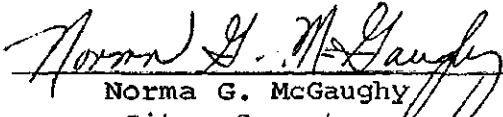
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 3rd day of December , A.D., 1973.



Bob Beard
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney