

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,
REQUIRING A LICENSE FOR PRIVATE CLUBS;
ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF TWO
HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00); PRO-
VIDING THE PERIOD OF SUCH LICENSE; PRO-
VIDING THAT SAID LICENSE SHALL BE NON-
TRANSFERABLE AND SHALL NOT BE PRORATED;
PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE;
PROVIDING DEFINITION OF A PRIVATE CLUB;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PRO-
VIDING 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. That no person, organization, association,
corporation, partnership or other entity shall operate a
private club in the City of Mesquite without having first
obtained a license therefor.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established an annual
license fee for private clubs in the amount of two hundred
and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per establishment to help defray
the expense of inspection and policing of such establishments.
Said license shall run from calendar year to calendar year and
shall be non-transferable and the license fee shall not be
prorated. Such license fee shall be in addition to any other
license fees that may be required and shall not be construed
to be a license to permit dancing.

SECTION 3. Application and Issuance. Application for
license shall be made to the City Secretary on a form to be
furnished by the City of Mesquite and shall be signed by the
applicant and shall indicate the position, title or authority
of applicant to make such application.

Upon payment of the license fee and upon ascertainment
by the City Secretary that the premises is properly zoned and
meets all requirements of the City Code the license shall be
issued according to the application.

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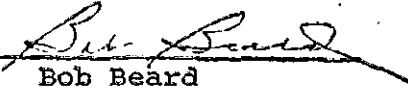
SECTION 4. Definitions. The term "private club" is defined as an establishment, as opposed to an association, wherein alcoholic beverages are permitted to be dispensed or consumed under the provisions of Article 666-15e, Texas Liquor Control Act except those of fraternal lodges and associations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and similar organizations of a civic and charitable nature.

SECTION 5. That should any paragraph, sentence, sub-division, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

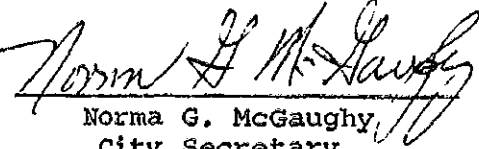
SECTION 7. The fact that there is presently no control over the operation of private clubs in the city creates an urgency and emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.


DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of December, A.D., 1974.


Bob Beard
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary


Elland Archer
City Attorney