ORDINANCE NO. 1250

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1136, CITY OF MESQUITE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS BY SUBSTITUTING A NEW DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OPEN SPACE"; BY PROVIDING A VIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING 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 Ordinance Number 1136, City of Mesquite Subdivision Regulations, is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect.

The definition of <u>Open Space</u> contained in Article II is deleted and the following definition is substituted in lieu thereof.

OPEN SPACE: That part of any lot or tract that is used for recreational purposes, both passive and active, but not including areas used for parking or maneuvering of automobiles, or drives or approaches to and from parking areas. Flood plains, or 50% of any standing surface water, may be considered as open space, provided such open space is contiguous and part of the platted lot and is maintained and utilized in the same manner and to the same degree as all other open space areas as designated on the site plan as filed with the building permit application.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances, or portions thereof, of the City of Mesquite in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 3. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, 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 and shall not affect the validity of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 4. 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 subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 1973, of the City of Mesquite, 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 5. Whereas, the changes as indicated in Section l of this ordinance are required in order to protect the public interest, comfort, and general welfare of the City of Mesquite, creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of the caption of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, on the 16th day of June , A.D., 1975.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma G. City Secretary

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City Attorney

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