ORDINANCE NO. 1260

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ALLOWING ONE BILLBOARD TYPE SIGN NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED SQUARE FEET ADVERTISING THE SALE OF THE TRACT UPON WHICH THE SIGN IS TO BE ERECTED AND LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CERTAIN OTHER REAL ESTATE SIGNS TO NOT MORE THAN THREE PER TRACT; BY PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 14B, Section 25 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

A new sub-section is added and shall read:

3. Temporary signs advertising the sale of the land upon which same is located may be erected on tracts of land fronting on Interstate highways, or on tracts of five acres or more not fronting Interstate highways, of billboard type, not to exceed two hundred square feet. Permits allowing such signs shall be limited to a period of one year. Where such bill-board type sign is erected on a tract of land, the number of signs allowed in Subsection 2 above shall be limited to one per tract. In any event the signs allowed in Subsection 2 shall not exceed three per tract.

Billboard signs allowed under this sub-section shall be deemed a privilege of ownership and the right to erect such sign shall be in the owner rather than any particular sales agent. Authorization by the owner to an agent to erect a Billboard sign shall be dated and signed by the owner.

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all ordinances of the City of Mesquite in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are, hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and all ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, section or provision 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 remainder of Chapter 14B, Section 25 or any other provision of the Code of the City of Mesquite.

SECTION 4. That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a 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 5. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite, creates an urgency and an emergency and in 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 said ordinance, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4th day of August , A.D., 1975.

Bob Béard Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lynn May Acting City Secretary

Elland Archer City Attorney