

ORDINANCE NO. 1310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 5B, SECTION 7, OF THE CITY
CODE BY ESTABLISHING CERTAIN STANDARDS
WHEREIN IT SHALL NOT BE UNLAWFUL FOR THOSE
UNDER SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY
OR OPERATE A COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINE.

WHEREAS, certain patrons of major shopping centers
desire to leave their children unattended at coin-operated
amusement establishments while shopping; and

WHEREAS, coin-operated amusement establishments
have been and will be constructed that will accomodate same;

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5-B, Section 7, of the
City Code is hereby amended by adding the following, in all
other respects to remain in full force and effect:

"Provided, however, that coin-operated estab-
lishments located in major shopping centers
containing an enclosed mall and said estab-
lishments being operated only during the hours
said mall is open and having no outside en-
trance and where said establishments does not
offer for sale or allow the consumption of
food, drink or other merchandise, the fore-
going provision shall not be applicable and
provided, further, that children under seven
(7) must be accompanied by an adult."

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ordinance, to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.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, 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 Section 5-B, Chapter 7, 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 properly control these establishments in 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 in such cases provides.

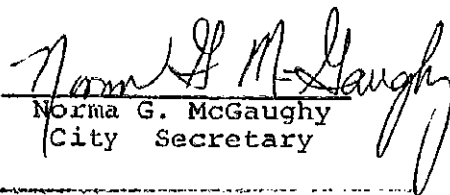
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of April, A.D., 1976.



Bob Beard
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney