

ORDINANCE NO. 1401

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCES 1359 AND 971 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 926 BY PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE MESQUITE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF SUCH COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE SCOPE OF DUTIES OF SUCH COMMISSION; BY PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) REGULAR MEMBERS AND TWO (2) ALTERNATES; BY PROVIDING THAT THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MANAGER OF THE MESQUITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS; BY PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

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

SECTION 1. That Ordinances Nos. 1359 and 971 duly passed by the City Council of the City of Mesquite on March 21, 1977, and September 7, 1971, respectively, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That Ordinance No. 926 duly passed by the City Council of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended to read as follows: Creation and Composition

There is hereby created and established a citizens group to be known as the Mesquite Environmental Improvement and Beautification Commission which shall consist of seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternates to be appointed by the City Council at large for a term of two years except upon initial appointment the term of four (4) members shall be for one year to provide for staggered terms.

In addition thereto, the City Manager and the Manager of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce shall be ex-officio advisory members to the Commission without the right to vote. Unless otherwise provided, all dealings by members of the commission with any City or Chamber of Commerce staff member or employee shall be through the City Manager or Chamber Manager respectively.

Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

Officers of the Commission to be elected annually by the voting membership shall include a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary-Recorder.

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Terms of appointment shall be effective from the date appointment is made by the City Council and for the length of the appointed term and until a successor has been qualified. Commission vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and for the same purpose as the original appointment and shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. Should an active member be unable to attend a regular or special meeting, an alternate shall serve in an active member's place for that meeting. Alternate members shall not vote unless said member is in the place of an active member.

The term of any member, including alternate members, who has not attended more than eighty (80) per cent of the regularly scheduled meetings, without prior approval of the Chairman in the event of inability to attend, in any six (6) month period shall automatically expire. Written notice of the vacancy shall be given to the City Council by the Secretary-Recorder in order that the Council may make another appointment.

Members shall serve without any financial remuneration or compensation.

The Commission shall meet at least every three months, or more often as may be desired, upon the call of the Chairman at such time and place as is necessary for the proper conduct of business. The time and place of regular meetings shall be determined by the membership.

SECTION 3. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of the Commission shall be to formulate and recommend to the City Council ways and means to improve and enhance the environmental quality of life and the aesthetic beauty of our City; to conduct studies of existing conditions and problems; to request, encourage and make known the efforts of others toward finding solutions to problems of environmental conditions; to seek out and encourage the interest and efforts of individual citizens; and to determine means and ways for total community involvement in the accomplishment of these purposes and objectives.

To accomplish such purpose and objectives, the Commission shall have the authority to establish committees whose membership and chairmen thereof shall be appointed by the Chairman with approval of the Commission; to undertake programs to accomplish the objectives stated herein; and to seek assistance as may be needed in the undertaking of such programs of community betterment; provided, however, that the Commission shall not incur any liability or expense on behalf of the City of Mesquite without prior approval of the City Council.

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SECTION 4. Scope of Duties

The scope of the Commission's undertaking shall be city-wide and shall encompass, among other things, problems of littering, deteriorating and run-down structures, unsightly and unkept vacant properties, and litter and rubbish conditions. Particular emphasis, but not to the exclusion of other areas, shall be given to the present littered condition of City alleyways and utility easements.

Along with efforts to improve and enhance the environmental quality of life, the Commission shall also seek ways to improve the aesthetic beauty of our City such as with appropriate plantings, rest areas, and other such methods. A long range plan and schedule for the improvement of the aesthetic beauty of the community may be desirable.

The Commission shall annually prepare and submit to the City Council, both orally and in printed form, a comprehensive report of the past year's activities and accomplishments and a proposal and goals for the coming year.

SECTION 5. The fact that the existing organization for the environmental improvement and beautification of the City of Mesquite is inadequate to facilitate orderly transactions of business creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, comfort and welfare of the citizens of Mesquite and requires that this ordinance shall take effect after the passage of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

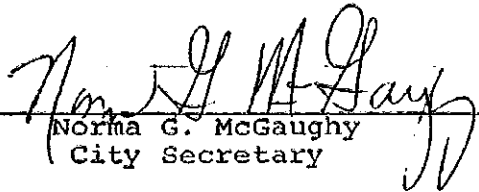
DULY PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 5th day of December, A.D., 1977.



P. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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