

ORDINANCE NO. 1493

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE TO CHANGE CERTAIN RATES TO BE CHARGED BY TAXICABS WITHIN THE CITY; TO DECREASE THE VEHICLE OPERATING FEE; TO ABOLISH THE TAX ON GROSS TAXICAB REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS 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 17 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

"Sec. 17-13. Rates

(a) The rates charged by taxicabs operating within the City shall not exceed the rates set out in the following schedule:

Rate for first 1/7 mile	\$.75
Rate for each additional 1/7 mile	\$.10
Waiting time charge	\$9.00 per hour

Rates apply to one (1) passenger occupancy. Fare for each additional passenger shall not exceed \$.25 per passenger per mile.

DFW toll of \$.25 shall be added to the meter per trip.

(b) Such rates shall be determined by an accurate meter; such meter to be tested by the police department of the City of Mesquite, quarterly.

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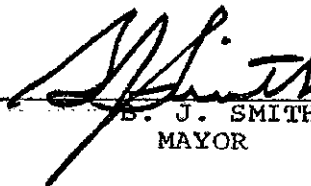
(a) At the time of issuance of a license required by this division, the licensee shall pay the City Secretary the sum of ten dollars for each taxicab to be operated in the City for a twelve-month period ending December thirty-first; provided, that if such permit is granted for less than the full year, the licensee shall pay to the City an amount prorated according to the number of months for which the permit is issued."

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SECTION 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in Corporation Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

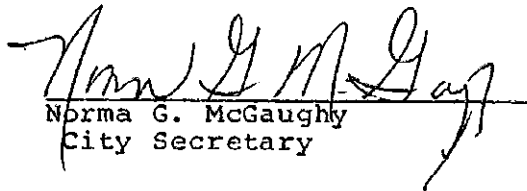
SECTION 3. The fact that the present regulations of the City of Mesquite do not adequately regulate taxicab rates creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of April, A.D., 1979.


B. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney