

## ORDINANCE NO. 1496

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR HIS DESIGNATES TO RELEASE CERTAIN CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is vital to the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite that proper and suitable persons are employed and/or licensed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Mesquite must have pertinent information as to the reputation and character of potential employees and licensees in order to appoint, employ, and license trustworthy individuals; and

WHEREAS, the release of otherwise confidential criminal history record information is authorized by the statutes, codes, and regulations of the Federal and State governments if such release is pursuant to City Ordinance;

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

SECTION 1. That the Chief of Police of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is authorized to secure and release any criminal history record information in his files or available to him from other law enforcement agencies to the individuals named herein.

(a) Dissemination of such criminal history record information shall be limited to the following recipients:

- (1) The City Council of the City of Mesquite
- (2) The Director and members of the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission and Civil Service trial boards.
- (3) The City Manager of the City of Mesquite or his designates.

(b) Use of criminal history record information by the recipients named in paragraph (a) above shall be limited to the following purposes:

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(1) Verification of qualifications of applicants for employment subsequent to the passage of this ordinance,

(2) Information as to the qualifications, reputation and character of applicants for city licenses and permits,

(3) Civil Service Commission and trial board hearings invoked by an aggrieved party, provided the commission or board deems the inquiry pertinent.

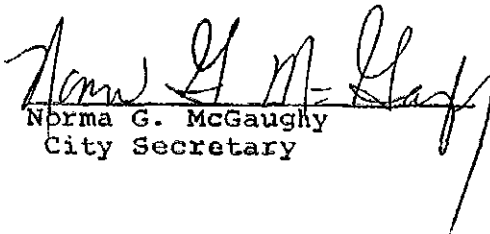
SECTION 2. The fact that the City of Mesquite has no provision for the receipt of criminal history record information from its police department creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such case provides.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of April, A.D., 1979.

  
B. J. SMITH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Norma G. McGaughey  
City Secretary

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City Attorney