ORDINANCE NO. 1518

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE PLACING OR STORAGE OF GASOLINE POWERED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; 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 Eight 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 section entitled Section 8-3 is added to read:

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Storage of gasoline powered vehicles and equipment at multi-family structures and premises. It shall be unlawful to place, store or suffer and permit the placing or storage of gasoline powered vehicles or equipment, including, but not limited to motorcycles, lawn mowers and edgers, within the living space of any multi-family unit, on or under or adjacent to the stairway or walkway thereof or in the area of any such structure or accessory structure containing heating or cooling equipment. For the purpose of this ordinance, living space where such storage is prohibited shall include any area utilized for human comfort, whether designated living space unit, office area, inside hallway, wash facility or inside recreation facility.

SECTION 2. Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each offense.

SECTION 4. The fact that the City of Mesquite has no adequate ordinance regulating the placing or storage of gasoline powered vehicles and equipment in multi-family structures creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of June, A.D., 1979.

B.J. SMITH MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma G. McGaughy City Secretary

Elland Archer City Attorney