

ORDINANCE NO. 1519

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, REQUIRING READILY DISCERNIBLE NUMBERING OF MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS AND NUMBERING OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS THEREOF AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS THEREFOR; BY PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, members of the Fire and Police Department responding to emergency calls for assistance requiring prompt action to save lives and property have difficulty in locating particular buildings and units to provide such assistance;

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 (Fire Code) is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

A new section entitled Section 8-20.2, numbering of buildings is hereby adopted to read:

(a) All multi-family structures, all business establishment buildings and all single family structures constructed after the effective date of this ordinance in the City shall, after the expiration of thirty days from the effective date of this Ordinance, bear building numbers clearly discernible from the street and other portions of the premises.

For purposes of this ordinance, "clearly discernible" shall mean numbers a minimum of three inches in height and one-half inch in width, colored so as to provide a contrast to the background such as black on white, located in such a place so as to be within view of the street and, in the case of multi-structure facilities from the side opposite the street.

Location of numbers and contrast of colors other than black and white except for single family structures shall be subject to approval of the Mesquite Fire Department to the end that members of the Fire and Police Department on emergency calls may readily locate the appropriate building and fire personnel on the premises may readily locate a given building from points opposite the street.

(b) Each unit of a multi-family or multi-unit commercial structure shall be separately numbered or lettered as such units may be designated on or within four feet of a useable entrance to such unit.

(c) WHERE A COMPLEX of multiple structures not visible from the street has internal access for vehicles, directional signs must be placed at each entrance and at each intersection within the complex.

(d) OWNERS of complexes which contain a mall area shall submit a diagram of the complex to the Police and Fire Departments showing the location of each business, to be updated as each business changes.

(e) THE BUILDING OFFICIAL shall designate the official building number to be placed on each structure. This shall be obtained by submitting a legal description of the property to the Building Inspection Division, City of Mesquite. On new construction, numbers shall be in place prior to issuance of a final certificate of occupancy.

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.

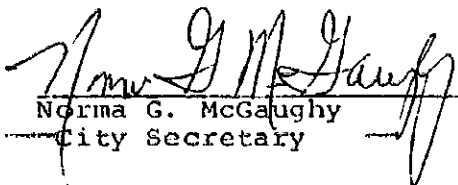
SECTION 3. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each offense.

SECTION 4. The fact that there is no ordinance of the City of Mesquite requiring building and unit numbering for prompt location of buildings and units in the event of emergency response creates an urgency and emergency from and after its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

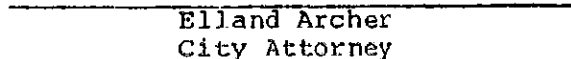
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of June, A.D., 1979.


B. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Elland Archer
City Attorney