

ORDINANCE NO. 1539

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 6-8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE TO PROVIDE FOR A LICENSE FEE FOR ADULT DANCE INSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS; PROVIDING 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 Section 6-8 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, be and is hereby amended to read as follows, in all other respects, said Code to remain in full force and effect:

"Sec. 6-8. Fees; renewal.

Persons obtaining licenses under this Chapter shall pay an annual license fee as follows:

(a) Public dances and dance halls; one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)

(b) Children's dance studios (under eighteen (18) years of age), and adult dance instruction establishments where tuition or fees are charged for instruction on a multiple lesson basis of not less than four (4) separate lessons on separate days; five dollars (\$5.00).

(c) Public domino hall, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Such licenses shall be renewed each year."


SECTION 2. That should any word, phrase, paragraph, sentence, 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 should 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 Municipal Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each offense.

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SECTION 4. The fact that the ordinances of the City of Mesquite, Texas, do not adequately establish the license fees for adult dance establishments creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from its passage and publication as the law in such case provides.

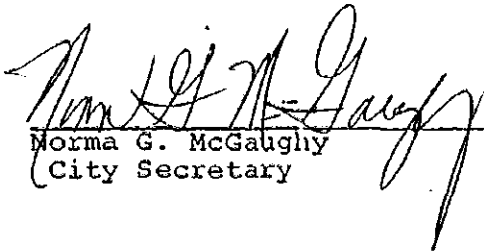
DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of August, A.D., 1979.



E. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney