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ORDINANCE NO. 1547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V, SECTION 18-50.1  
OF THE MESQUITE CITY CODE, FIXING THE RATES TO  
BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE SANI-  
TARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 18, Article V, Section 18-50.1  
be, and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as  
follows, to wit:

"Sec. 18-50.1. Sewer Rates or Charges.

The rates or charges per month for services  
furnished by the sanitary sewer system shall be  
as follows:

Single-family residence--\$3.50 minimum for  
first 1,000 gallons of water consumed and prorated  
at the rate of .48 for each 1,000 gallons of water  
consumed up to a maximum of 8,000 gallons of water.

Duplexes--\$3.00 per dwelling unit for first  
1,000 gallons of water consumed, and prorated at  
at the rate of .48 for each 1,000 gallons of water  
consumed over and above the first 1,000 gallons of  
water.

Apartments--\$3.00 per dwelling unit (same as  
duplexes)

Commercial and business establishments--\$3.50  
minimum for first 1,000 gallons of water consumed,  
and prorated at the rate of .48 for each 1,000  
gallons of water consumed over and above the first  
1,000 gallons of water.

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Should a commercial, apartment complex, business or industrial establishment's water consumption be in excess of one thousand (1,000) gallons and the consumption in excess of one thousand (1,000) gallons or portions thereof is not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, the minimum sewer charge shall apply providing such commercial, business or industrial establishment make written request and provide an acceptable metering device to measure the flows going into the sanitary sewer system or the flows not being discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

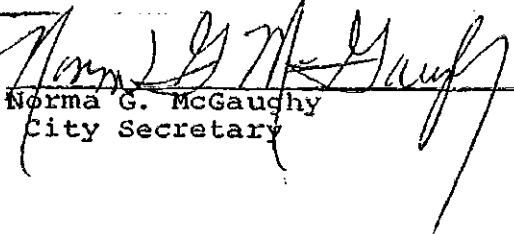
The flow measuring device shall be installed at a location and of a type as approved by the City of Mesquite Water Department. An accurate mechanical water and sewer piping diagram of the establishment's water and sewer system shall be furnished to the City of Mesquite with the request for installation.

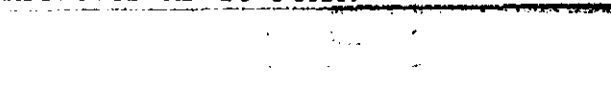
The measuring device shall be installed at the sole expense of the business establishment and shall maintain a percentage of accuracy acceptable to the City of Mesquite Water Department. Readings of the meter or meters will be done by the Billing Section of the Water Department monthly or the Billing Section can require the customer to furnish such readings. The meter will be subject to inspection and testing by the City of Mesquite Water Department upon notification to the customer.

SECTION 2. The fact that the present sewer rates of the City of Mesquite are inadequate requires the adoption of new sewer rates and creates an urgency and an emergency in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the immediate preservation of the public, business and for the usual daily operation of the Municipal departments. It requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately following its passage as the law and charter in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of September, A.D., 1979.

  
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B. L. SMITH  
MAYOR

ATTESTED:  
  
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City Secretary

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Elland Archer  
City Attorney