

## ORDINANCE NO. 1612

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,  
REGULATING THE KEEPING OF BEES IN THE CITY  
AND DECLARING VIOLATION THEREOF A NUISANCE;  
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 Chapter XI of the Code of the City of  
Mesquite is hereby amended by adding a new Section 11-19 to  
read as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force  
and effect:

Sec. 11-19. Keeping of Bees.

It shall be unlawful and a nuisance for any person  
owning or being in control of any premises within the  
City other than land zoned "A" Agricultural to keep,  
suffer or permit more than two (2) hives of bees on such  
premises.

Where bees in excess of two (2) hives are kept on  
Agricultural land, such hives in excess of two (2) shall  
not be within one hundred (100) feet of an occupied  
dwelling other than that of the owner or occupant of said  
premises or of a public road or sidewalk.

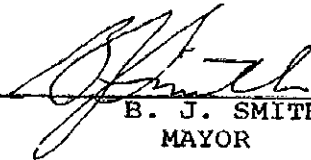
SECTION 2. Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or  
section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional  
the remaining provisions shall not be affected because of such  
invalidity or unconstitutionality.

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 the present ordinances of the  
City of Mesquite do not adequately regulate the keeping of bees  
in the City creates an urgency and an emergency for the preser-  
vation of the public health, safety and welfare and requires  
that this ordinance shall become effective immediately from and  
after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law  
and charter in such cases provides.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City  
of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of July, A.D., 1980.



B. J. SMITH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Lynn Prugel  
Acting City Secretary  
Elland Archer  
City Attorney