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ORDINANCE NO. 1697

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 1981 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DELETIONS THEREFROM; AND BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN INCREASED EXAMINATION FEES; BY PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY 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 Seven 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. Section 7-1, first paragraph is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All installations of electrical equipment shall be reasonably safe to persons and property in conformity with the 1975 edition of the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code or the electrical provisions of other safety codes approved by the American Standards Association. The National Electrical Code, 1981 edition, is hereby adopted as a part of this chapter the same as if copied in full herein."

B. Section 7-1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The last paragraph of Section 210-8b of the National Electrical Code, 1981 edition, adopted by the City of Mesquite and requiring ground-fault circuit protection for personnel, is hereby deleted."

C. Section 7-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Examination fees shall accompany applications for licenses as follows:

Master Electrician	\$10.00
Journeyman Electrician	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Specialist Electrician	5.00
Maintenance	5.00

License fees shall be paid before the issuance of licenses as follows:

Contractors	\$75.00
Master Electrician	10.00
Journeyman Electrician	5.00
Specialist Electrician	5.00
Maintenance	5.00

The fiscal year for the payment of fees shall begin on January first and shall end on December thirty-first of the same year. In case of new licenses after July first of any year, the annual fee shall be one-half; provided, that renewal fees shall not be so prorated.

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.

 $\underline{\mathtt{SECTION}\ 3.}$ 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 Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 4. The fact that the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is inadequate for the necessary protection of the public comfort and general welfare, creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 6th day of July, A.D., 1981.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Secretary

Elland Archer City Attorney