ORDINANCE NO. 1735

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1707 BY CLARIFYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; BY PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance Number 1707 duly passed by the City Council on the 3rd day of August, 1981, is hereby amended as follows; in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

Section five (5) of Ordinance Number 1707 is hereby amended to read as follows:

This ordinance shall be applicable to all establishments of indoor recreation, including establishments exhibiting pleasure and/or skill coin-operated amusement machines beginning operation and those not lawfully permitted on and after August 3, 1981.

For the purpose of this ordinance, an operation not lawfully permitted shall include establishments with permit applications pending but not finally approved.

SECTION 2. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional and shall not affect the validity of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 3. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C. Misdemeanor and subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 1973, of the City of Mesquite, and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the public interest, comfort, and general welfare of the City of Mesquite, 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 and after its passage and publication of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 20th day of October, A.D., 1981.

JOHN CHILDS MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma G. McGaughy City Secretary Elland Archer City Attorney