ORDINANCE NO. 1755

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE STATE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON AD VALOREM TAXES; BY PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING FOR 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. That the schedule of charges as set forth in Article 33.01 of the Tax Code as adopted by Acts 1981, 67th Legislature of the State of Texas, effective January 1, 1982, are hereby adopted by the City of Mesquite as the penalty and interest to be applied to delinquent ad valorem taxes due the City of Mesquite; said penalty and interest charges to be effective as of January 1, 1982.

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.

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, does not properly levy penalty and interest to be applied to delinquent ad valorem taxes 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 provide.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of Janaury, A.D., 1982.

MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

Norma G. McGau

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elland Archer City Attorney