

ORDINANCE NO. 1769

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADDING SECTION 1-6.1; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by adding Section 1-6.1, in all other respects said section and code to remain in full force and effect:

Whenever any person, who has actual notices by citation or other manner to appear in the Municipal Court of the City of Mesquite on any Class C Misdemeanor violation other than a violation under Vernon's Civil Statute 6701d - Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, shall willfully fail to appear in court, he shall be guilty of the offense of Failure to Appear.

This section applies regardless of the disposition of the Class C Misdemeanor upon which he was originally charged.

Appearance in court may be complied with by an appearance by Counsel.

SECTION 2. That any person violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

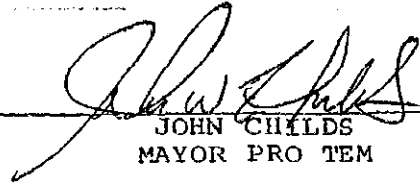
SECTION 3. That should any word, phrase, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Recognizing the need for compelling the appearance of persons charged with Class C Misdemeanors in the Municipal Court and the fact that the Code of the City of Mesquite does not provide an adequate means for such enforcement creates an emergency and urgency 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 ordinances as the law in such case provides.

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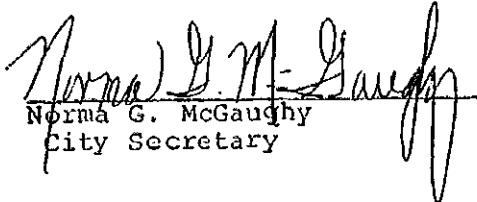
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City
of Mesquite, Texas on the 1st day of March, A.D., 1982.



JOHN CHILDS
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Norma G. McGaughey
City Secretary

Eiland Archer
City Attorney