ORDINANCE NO. 1803

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 19-6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CHARGES FOR THE CUTTING OF VEGETATION AND REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY; 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. The expenses incurred by the city pursuant to the correcting of conditions as set forth in this chapter shall be charged to and become a lien on the real estate or lot or lots upon which such expense is incurred. Such charges to be levied shall be as follows:

(a)	All lots up to 12,000 square feet	\$40.00
	All lots 12,000 square feet to one acre	50.00
	Each additional acre or part thereof	15.00

In the event that there are obstructions such as rocks, trees, shrubs, bushes, excavations, foundations of demolished structures or other impediments, an additional charge can be levied, assessed and collected against such premises for the actual cost resulting from the additional expenses incurred therefrom.

- (b) In the event that it becomes necessary for the City to go upon property and do or cause to be done the work necessary to seek compliance with section 19-3, the actual expenses incurred shall be charged, levied, assessed and collected against such property.
- 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 Corporation Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.09) Dollars for each offense, and each and every day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of August, A.D., 1982.

LEN GIBBENS MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma G. McGaughy City Secretary

Elland Archer City Attorney