

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8-20.1(b) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY PROVIDING FOR FIRE FIGHTING ACCESS AND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR THREE (3) STORY MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES; 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 8 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 new paragraph is added to Section 8-20.1(b) General Requirements as follows:

In addition to and cumulative of the foregoing all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the three-story apartments, condominiums and townhouses shall be within 150 feet from the nearest fire lane as designated by the Mesquite Fire Department. Where the fire lane access cannot be provided to within 150 feet of the exterior walls of the first story, approved fire protection system or systems shall be provided as required and approved by the Chief and adequate access roadway shall be provided for fire equipment access to the building as required and approved by the Chief.

SECTION 2. Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected because of such invalidity or unconstitutionality.

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 (\$200.00) dollars for each offense.

SECTION 4. The fact that the present Ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not adequately provide for fire fighting access and fire protection systems for three (3) story multi-family structures creates an urgency and 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 20th day of June, A.D., 1983.

Mrs. Brunhilde Gystrom
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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