ORDINANCE NO. 1975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE AMENDING SECTIONS 5B-10 AND 5B-5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 5B-10 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator or displayer of coin-operated amusement machines or coin-operated amusement establishments to allow any person under the age of seventeen (17) years to play or operate a coin-operated amusement machine between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during days when public school is open in Mesquite during regular session, unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 2. That Section 5B-5(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (b) Establishment. Any person desiring to obtain a license for a coin-operated amusement establishment shall apply to the city secretary by original and five (5) copies, one of which shall be routed to the city manager, chief of police, chief building inspector and city planner, for review. The applicant shall accompany the application with a tender of the correct permit fee as hereinafter provided and shall, in addition, furnish the following:
 - (1) The type of ownership of the business, i.e., whether individual, partnership, corporation or otherwise.
 - (2) The name under which the business is to be conducted.
 - (3) The business address and all telephone numbers where the <u>business</u> is to be conducted.
 - (4) The name and residence address of the manager or other person principally in charge of the operation of the business.
 - (5) Name, address and telephone number of owner.

 If a corporation include name, address and telephone number of president.

The Chief of Police shall make his recommendation

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based upon his investigation of the applicant's character and shall consider past operations, if any, convictions of felonies and crimes involving moral turpitude, taking into consideration the attraction by such establishments of those of tender years.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. The fact that the Code of the City of Mesquite does not adequately provide for the manner of displaying the license for coin-operated amusement machines creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th of January, A.D., 1984.

Mrs. Brunhilde Nystrom
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary (acting)

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