

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, LEVING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1984 AT A RATE OF \$.48 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1984, TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That there be and is, hereby levied for the year 1984 on all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, situated within the corporate limits, of the City of Mesquite, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State Laws, a tax of \$.48 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of taxable property, with a ratio of 100% of the market value, and shall be apportioned and distributed as follows:

For the purpose of defraying the current operating expenses of the municipal government a tax of \$.20 and for interest and sinking fund of the municipal government a tax of \$.28 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars assessed value of taxable property, with a ratio of 100% of the market value.

SECTION 2. Provided, however, that there is hereby adopted an exemption to ad valorem taxation in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) on the residence homestead of individuals over the age of sixty-five (65) years of age, said "residence homestead" being as defined in Section 11.13(j) of the Property Tax Code adopted by the 66th Legislature.

SECTION 3. That all ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 1984, and all ad valorem taxes for the year 1984 shall become delinquent after January 31, 1985. If any person fails to pay the ad valorem taxes on or before the 31st day of January, 1985, the following penalties shall be payable thereon to wit: During the month of February, seven (7%) per cent and two (2%) per cent for each additional month prior to July 1st of the year it becomes delinquent.

SECTION 4. Taxes are payable in Mesquite, Texas, at the Municipal Building. The City shall have available all the rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

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SECTION 5. That the tax rolls, as presented to the City Council, together with any supplement thereto, be, and the same are, hereby approved.

SECTION 6. All delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one per cent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid.

SECTION 7. The fact that it is necessary that this ordinance be enacted in order to authorized the collection of ad valorem taxes for 1984 creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of September, A.D., 1984.

*Mrs. Brunhilde Nystrom*  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Lynn Prugel*  
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Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary

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Elland Archer  
City Attorney