ORDINANCE NO. 2200

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY PROVIDING A SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR TAXICAB SERVICE; 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 17 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by adding a schedule of rates for taxicab service in the City as indicated in the attached schedule. No taxicab operator or owner shall charge any fare or rate in excess of those adopted herein.

SECTION 2. That should any word, 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 3. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 1973, of the City of Mesquite, and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by 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, are inadequate to protect the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite creates an urgency and an emergency and necessitates that this ordinance become effective immediately from and after its date of passage and the publication of its caption as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 15th day of July, A.D., 1985.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lynn/Prugel City Secretary

Elland Archer City Attorney

SCHEDULE OF TAXICAB RATES

\$1.30

.10

Initial Pickup each 1/10 Mile

Minimum charge allowed regardless of distance. This minimum shall not be applicable to persons sixty (60) years of age or older and a sign must be displayed in the cab stating

"Persons sixty (60) years old shall pay by the meter"

Days (prior to 6:00 p.m.)

Nights (6:00 p.m. to 6: a.m.)

Each additional passenger

.50

Any service provided for which no rate is provided herein the charge shall be the same as that charged by the City of Dallas until changed by ordinance.