ORDINANCE NO. ___2496___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
MESQUITE BY DELETING CERTAIN PRESENT LANGUAGE AND
ADDING CERTAIN NEW LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF WRECKER SERVICE
OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT
TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED ($200.00) DOLLARS; PROVIDING
FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH
THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1.   That Chapter 20 is hereby amended to read as follows, in all other
respects to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 20-12.   DISTRICTS.

Delete the current paragraph No. 1 in its entirety and substitute, therefore, the
following language:

(1) North Mesquite District - That area of the City north of a line
beginning at the West City limits and the north boundary of the North
Service Road of U.S. Highway 80 and extending along such boundary to
the East City limits, including that portion of any intersecting streets
within such area.

Delete the current paragraph No. 2 in its entirety and substitute, therefore, the
following language:

(2) South Mesquite District - That area of the City south of the north
boundary of the North Service Road of U.S. Highway 80 as it extends from
the West City limits to the East City limits, including that portion of any
intersecting streets within such area.

Sec. 20-13.   RATES.

Amend the last sentence of the first paragraph by substituting "eight ($8.00) dollars"
for "five ($5.00) dollars".

Delete the current final paragraph in its entirety and substitute the following:

A maximum of one (1) days storage charge for any vehicle redeemed
within twelve (12) hours of impoundment shall be imposed.   After that
twelve-hour period, any portion of a day shall be considered a chargeable
day.

Sec. 20-16.   AUTHORIZED OPERATORS DESIGNATED.

In subsection (1), amend the date by deleting "January 1, 1987", through "December
31, 1987", by substituting "January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988".

In subsection (2), amend the date by deleting "January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987", by substituting "January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988".

Sec. 20-18.   RATES.

Delete the current third paragraph in its entirety and substitute a new third paragraph to read as follows:

A maximum of one (1) day's storage charge for any vehicle redeemed within twelve (12) hours of impoundment shall be imposed. After that twelve-hour period, any portion of a day shall be considered a chargeable day.

Sec. 20-21.   AUTHORIZED OPERATOR DESIGNATED.

Amend the date by deleting January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987 by substituting January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988.
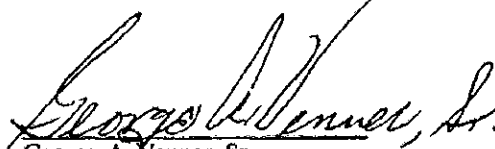
SECTION 2.   Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected because of such invalidity or unconstitutionality.

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.   All ordinances or provisions thereof in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5.   The fact that the Code of the City of Mesquite is inadequate to afford wrecker service for the necessary protection of the inhabitants of the City creates 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.
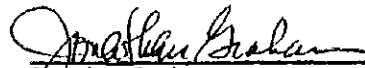
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of December, A.D., 1987.

George A. Venner, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:

Jonathan Graham
City Attorney