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ORDINANCE NO. 2534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY REPLACING SECTION 1-6 WITH A NEW SECTION 1-6, ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCES AT \$2,000 FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES GOVERNING FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION AND AT \$500 FOR ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by replacing the existing Section 1-6 with a new Section 1-6 to read as follows, said code and chapter in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

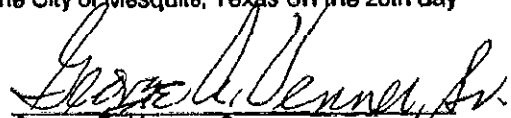
Whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the city an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in such Code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for violations of all such provisions that govern fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including the dumping of refuse, and a fine not to exceed Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) for all other violations; provided however, that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same offense under the laws of the State of Texas. Each day any violation of this Code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.


SECTION 2. The penalty provisions of any existing ordinance or Code section containing penalty provisions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided however, that all other portions of said ordinances or Code sections shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 3. 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 4. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not provide for the maximum allowable penalty for violations of City ordinances creates an urgency and emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication 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 20th day of June, 1988.


George A. Verner, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Jonathan Graham
City Attorney

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