

ORDINANCE NO. 2664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A HEALTH COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. A Health Committee consisting of seven (7) members is hereby established as follows:

Composition, Appointment and Terms of Members

A. The Health Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Members shall possess the following qualifications:

- (1) One member shall be the City Health Officer, who shall preside as Chairman;
- (2) One member shall be a Medical Doctor/Doctor of Osteopathy currently licensed under the laws of the State of Texas;
- (3) One member shall be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine currently licensed under the laws of the State of Texas;
- (4) One member shall be intrinsically engaged in food service (i.e., a food service establishment owner/manager);
- (5) Two (2) members shall be disinterested laymen; and,
- (6) One member shall be a licensed contractor.

B. The Health Committee shall annually elect a Vice-Chairman and the City Health Officer will remain Chairman.

Chairman - The Chairman shall preside over meetings and shall be entitled to vote upon each issue. In the event a question over procedure arises, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

Vice-Chairman - The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in directing affairs of the Health Committee. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman.

C. Members shall serve for a period of two (2) years or until their successors have been appointed, and shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. General Powers and Duties - The Health Committee shall have the following powers and perform the following duties:

The Health Committee may sustain, modify, or rescind any official notice or order issued by the Health Authority as provided by the respective ordinance. The Committee shall hear appeals from anyone aggrieved by the interpretation of the Health Authority, upon written request to the Health Authority within five (5) days of receiving notice or order. The Health Committee, within ten (10) days following the receipt of a request, shall provide a hearing at a time and place designated by them.

The Health Committee shall prescribe its procedure and order of business. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. All business of this Committee shall be approved by simple majority vote of all members present.

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. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not adequately provide for a Health Committee creates an urgency and 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 19th day of March, 1990.


George A. Venner, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Lynn Brugel
City Secretary


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City Attorney