

ORDINANCE NO. 2672

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 682, SECTION 19-3, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 19, 1967; RELATING TO DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN DIRT ALLEYS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. That City of Mesquite Ordinance No. 682, Section 19.3 adopted June 19, 1967, is hereby amended by adding a second paragraph to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-3.** Same -Removal of stagnant water, rubbish, etc., or other impure or unwholesome matter.

It shall be the duty of any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city to keep such property owned by him free from stagnant water, rubbish, trash, filth, carrion or other impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, and to keep the sidewalks in front of this property free and clear of the same; and to fill up, drain or regrade any lots, ground or yards which shall be unwholesome or have stagnant water therein; and, to cleanse and disinfect any house, building, establishment, lot, yard or ground from rubbish, trash, filth, carrion or other impure or unwholesome matter of any kind.

The City shall perform work to alleviate drainage problems in dirt alleys and utility easements where it is not practical for two (2) or more private owners to coordinate a solution.

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 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each offense. This section is cumulative of all other penalties for violation of federal, state and local laws, rules, regulation and ordinances.

SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinance does not adequately protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City creates an urgency and an 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 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 7th day of May, 1990.

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