

ORDINANCE NO. 2684

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADOPTING THE 1990 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH CERTAIN DELETIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

(1) Section 7-1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 7-1. National Electrical Code; adoption.**

The National Electrical Code, 1990 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Agency, is hereby adopted by the City of Mesquite as a part of this chapter and subject to same.

**Sec. 7-1.1. Delete in its entirety.**

**Sec. 7-2. General Regulations.**

- (a) Metal raceways - Wiring for light and power shall be installed in approved metal raceways, when such wiring is within a building required to be of fire resistive construction as determined by the Building Code.
- (b) AC or MC cable - Two (2) wire type AC or MC cable, shall be limited to use as fixture whips, in lengths not exceeding six (6) feet.
- (c) Non-metallic sheathed cable - The use of non-metallic sheathed cable shall be limited to use in Single Family, Duplexes and Multifamily dwellings.  
Exception: Commercial buildings with wooden framing, and with occupant loads of less than 100, may utilize non-metallic sheathed cable in sizes not exceeding #10 gauge.
- (d) Aluminum conductors - Use of aluminum conductors is prohibited.

**Sec. 7-10. Permit and inspection fee schedule.**

Following paragraph (c), add a new paragraph to read as follows:

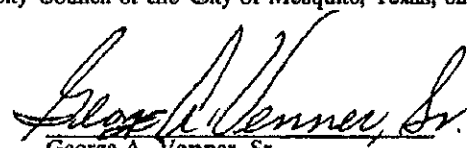
- (d) Investigation Fees - Whenever any work has been commenced without first obtaining the necessary electrical permit, an investigation fee shall be collected which is equal to the amount of the permit fee required by the code.

**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.** 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 Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each offense.


**SECTION 4.** The fact that the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is inadequate for the necessary protection of the public comfort and general welfare, creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from its passage and publication as the law in such cases provides.

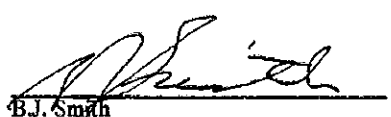
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1990.

  
George A. Venner, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary

  
B.J. Smith  
City Attorney