AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY DELETING CERTAIN PRESENT LANGUAGE AND ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE THEREBY AMENDING THE SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE FOR FALSE BURGLARY AND ROBBERY ALARMS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Article VII, Section 8-464, Paragraph (a) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:
 - (a) If, within a twelve-month period, five (5) false alarm notifications are emitted from an alarm site, the issuing authority shall assess the person in control of that alarm site a fee for each subsequent false alarm notification emitted from the alarm site within that twelve-month period. The service fee for each false alarm notification exceeding five (5) in a twelve-month period shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- SECTION 2. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, section or provision of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of Chapter 8, Article VII, Section 8-464 or any other provision of the Code of the City of Mesquite.
- SECTION 3. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Mesquite, Texas shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each offense and each and every day or portion of a day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not adequately protect the safety of the inhabitants of the City, creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage and the publication of its caption, as the law and in such cases provides.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 7th day of October, 1991.

Cathye Ray Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:

B.y. Smith City Attorney