ORDINANCE NO. 2780

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, BY ADOPTING THE UNIFORM HOUSING CODE, 1991 EDITION, AS THE OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING 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:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Chapter 7, Article I of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended, effective December 1, 1991, to read as follows in all other respects said code and chapter to remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 7-1. Uniform Housing Code - Adopted.

The Uniform Housing Code, 1991 Edition, a copy of which is made a part of this chapter and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted as the official standard of the City where applicable.

Sec. 7-2. Same - Definitions.

Whenever the terms "housing advisory and appeal board" and "board of appeals" are used in the Uniform Housing Code, such terms shall mean the board appointed by the City Council for such purposes and designated board of appeals, currently established as the building code board of appeals.

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 or provision so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of Chapter 7 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 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars for each offense.

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SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite, creates an urgency and an emergency and necessitates that this ordinance become effective immediately from and after its date of passage and the publication of its caption as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of November, 1991.

Cathye Ray Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lynn Prugel City Secretary

City Attorney