

ORDINANCE NO. 2808

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-15 PROHIBITING THE SLAUGHTERING, BUTCHERING OR DISPLAY OF THE CARCASS OF QUADRUPED ANIMALS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the slaughtering, butchering or display of the carcass of quadruped animals in residential areas is against the best interest, health and welfare of the public;

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas is hereby amended by adding a new section 4-15 to read as follows, in all other respects said Chapter and Code to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 4-15. Slaughtering of animals on residential property prohibited.

a) Definitions. The following words when used in this section shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this subsection.

- 1) *Quadruped animal* means an animal having four feet.
- 2) *Slaughter* means to kill an animal intended for human consumption.
- 3) *Butcher* means to clean and/or cut up an animal in preparation for cooking.
- 4) *Display* means to hang an animal carcass or any part thereof in a manner whereby it is in the view of the public, except an animal actually cooking over a barbecue pit or other cooking fire.


b) It shall be unlawful for any person to slaughter a quadruped animal on residential property within the City and it shall be unlawful for any person to butcher or display the carcass of a quadruped animal on residential property within the City whereby it is in the view of the public, except an animal actually cooking over a barbecue pit or other cooking fire, or an animal or part thereof prepared by a taxidermist for the purpose of display.

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 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 (\$2000.00) Dollars for each offense.


SECTION 4. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the public from the slaughtering of animals in residential districts 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 and publication 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 18th day of May, 1992.



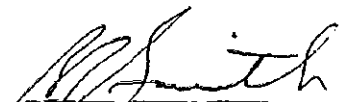
Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith
City Attorney