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ORDINANCE NO. 2846 File No. ZO 92-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1973, AND RECODIFIED ON NOVEMBER 21, 1988, BY ADDING SECTION 1-301C.5, PAWNSHOPS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING 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 the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance, adopted September 4, 1973, and recodified on November 21, 1988, be and the same is hereby amended by adding Section 1-301C.5, Pawnshops, to read as follows:

Section 1-301C.5,

Pawnshops: Pawnshops licensed at a location on or before November 1, 1992, which have become nonconforming uses in a district, shall be permitted to undertake major repair, alteration, renovation, enlargement, extension, or major reconstruction; provided that the enlarged/expanded size may not be greater than twice the size of the establishment as of November 1, 1992.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section 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 invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> 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 subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance as amended, of the City of Mesquite, 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.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not adequately protect the public interest, comfort, and welfare of the City of Mesquite, creates an urgency and 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.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of November, 1992.

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