

ORDINANCE NO. 2915

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADDING AN ADOPTION FEE TO SECTION 4-53, ADOPTION PROCEDURES, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A FEE TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1993; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That the present Section 4-53(a) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Chapter 4, Animals, is deleted and a new Section 4-53(a) is hereby adopted to read as follows; said Rules and Regulations in all other respects to remain in full force and effect.

4-53. Adoption procedures.

(a.) An individual may adopt a dog or cat from the city animal shelter under the following conditions:

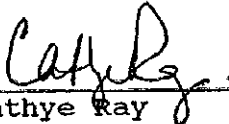
- (1.) The animal has been classified as adoptable by the supervisor of animal control;
- (2.) The prospective adopter has proper facilities to care for the animal;
- (3.) The prospective adopter obtains all necessary vaccinations and registrations;
- (4.) Pays the non-refundable adoption fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00); and,
- (5.) The adopter of any dog or cat must have it vaccinated and spayed or neutered, and obtain a license within ten (10) days after adoption or animal control shall have the right of immediate return of the animal to the animal shelter; provided, the supervisor of animal control shall allow additional time in the case of dogs or cats less than six (6) months of age.

SECTION 2. That the fee adopted by this ordinance shall be effective from and after October 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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 4. The fact that the present ordinance of the City of Mesquite does not provide an adequate fee structure, 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, on the 20th day of September, 1993.



Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Lynn Prugel
City Secretary



B. J. Smith
City Attorney