

ORDINANCE NO. 2921

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2832 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2599 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2360 TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION, THE TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MESQUITE HISTORICAL COMMISSION, 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 Ordinance No. 2599 adopted by the City Council on May, 1, 1989, and Ordinance no. 2832 adopted by the City Council on September 21, 1992, are hereby repealed; and further, Ordinance No. 2360 adopted by the City Council on November 17, 1986, is hereby amended to clarify the composition, the terms of appointment, and attendance requirements for the membership of the Mesquite Historical Commission by deleting the existing Section 1 and adding a new Section 1 to read as follows; all other sections of said ordinance to remain in full force and effect:

Section 1. Creation and Composition.

There is hereby created and established a citizen's group to be known as the Mesquite Historical Commission which shall consist of eleven (11) regular members and two (2) alternates to be appointed by the City Council at large for terms of two years.

Officers of the Commission to be elected annually by the voting membership shall include a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Terms of appointment shall be effective from the date appointment is made by the City Council and for the length of the appointed term and until a successor has been qualified. Commission vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and for the same purpose as the original appointment and shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. Members terms shall not exceed three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms, and one (1) two (2) year term shall be elapsed before that member is eligible for membership again.

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Should an active member be unable to attend a regular special meeting, an alternate shall serve in an active member's place for that meeting. Alternate members shall not vote unless said member is in the place of an active member.

The term of any member, including alternate members, who has missed two (2) consecutive meetings, without prior notification of the Chairman in the event of inability to attend, shall automatically expire. Written notice of the vacancy shall be given to the City Council by the Secretary-Treasurer in order that the Council may make another appointment.

Members shall serve without any financial remuneration or compensation.

The Commission shall meet at least every three months, or more often as may be desired, upon the call of the Chairman at such time and place as it is necessary for the proper conduct of business. The time and place of regular meetings shall be determined by the membership.

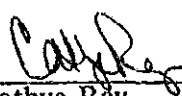
SECTION 2. Severability.

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 of the provisions hereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.


SECTION 3. Declaring an Emergency.

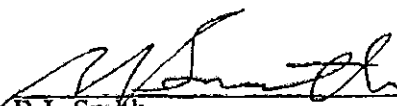
The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite fail to adequately provide for the preservation of historic and cultural landmarks within the City creates an urgency and emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as the law and Charter in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4th day of October, 1993.

  
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Cathye Ray  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lynn Prigel  
City Secretary

APPROVED:  
  
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B.J. Smith  
City Attorney