ORDINANCE NO. 3049

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CREATING A MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING SECURITY FUND; REQUIRING EACH DEFENDANT CONVICTED IN MUNICIPAL COURT TO PAY A THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) SECURITY FEE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ESTABLISHING A DATE UPON WHICH SUCH FEE BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite has determined a need exists for added security for the Mesquite Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the 74th Legislature of the State of Texas has passed legislation authorizing the City Council to create a municipal court building security fund requiring a defendant convicted in a trial in municipal court to pay a three dollar (\$3.00) security fee as a cost of court.

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

SECTION 1. That a fund to be known as the Mesquite Municipal Court Building Security Fund is hereby created.

SECTION 2. That upon conviction in a trial for a misdemeanor offense in the Mesquite Municipal Court a defendant shall pay a three dollar (\$3.00) security fee as a cost of court.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. 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. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to provide security for the Municipal Court 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 as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on this the 5th day of September, 1995.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lynn Prugel

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City Secretary

City Attorney