ORDINANCE NO. 3089

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-74(b) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (10) TO SECTION 13-74(b), THEREBY ESTABLISHING A TIME LIMIT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN APPROVED BILLBOARD SIGN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Chapter 13, Section 13-74(b) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas is hereby amended by adding a new subsection 13-74(b)(10) to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

(10) Removal of a billboard sign erected in compliance with this section shall result in a permanent abandonment of the site as an approved billboard location unless a replacement billboard sign meeting the specifications set forth herein is erected within ninety (90) days of the removal of the sign at that location.

<u>SECTION 2</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 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 Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each offense.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to adequately regulate billboard signs 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.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 6th day of May, 1996.

Cathye Ray Mayor 4.30 APPROVED: B.J. Smith City Attorney

ATTEST:

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City Secretary