

ORDINANCE NO. 3180

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 AND CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-3(k) OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; THEREBY INCREASING THE FEE FOR A RETURNED CHECK TO TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00); ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 16, 1997 AS THE DATE SUCH FEE BECOMES EFFECTIVE; 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 Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas is hereby amended by adding Section 1-13 to read as follows; in all other respects said Chapter, Section and Code to remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 1-13. Service charge for returned checks.**

Whenever, any person pays a fine, bill, tax, license or any required fee by check or similar instrument and such instrument is returned from the bank or otherwise dishonored, a twenty dollar (\$20.00) service charge shall be assessed.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 16, Section 16-3(k) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas is hereby amended as follows; in all other respects said Chapter, Section and Code to remain in full force and effect:


- (k) A service charge as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code will be charged each time a check is returned from the bank.

SECTION 3. That the fee adopted by this ordinance shall be effective from and after September 16, 1997.

SECTION 4. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 5. Whereas, the policy for charging fees for returned checks is inadequate and in order to protect the public interest, comfort, and general welfare of the City of Mesquite creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this ordinance shall become effective from and after the effective date provided herein.

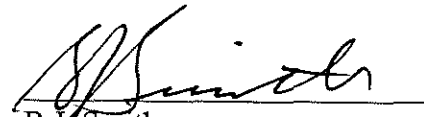
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of September, 1997.

  
Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Ellen Williams  
City Secretary

  
B.J. Smith  
City Attorney