

ORDINANCE NO. 3184

A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 9, SECTIONS 9.8(a)(2) AND 9.8(e) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; THEREBY DESIGNATING THE LOCATION AND TIMES OF "NO-CRUISE ZONES"; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite on the 20th day of June 1988, adopted Ordinance No. 2535, currently codified as Section 9-8 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, which provides for the establishment of certain "no-cruising zones"; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that the areas described herein should be designated as no-cruising zones in that the City Council specifically finds that cruising in the areas described has resulted in littering, loss of enjoyment of private property, unnecessary traffic congestion, inconvenience to the public, disruption of businesses and interference with the movement of public safety vehicles, thus hampering response to public service calls;

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9, Sections 9-8, subsections (a)(2) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows; in all other respects said Code, Section and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

(a) Definitions

- (2) A designated "no cruising zone" as used in this section, means any and all streets, alleys, and other public property located within or partially within the physical boundaries described in this section including any streets, alleys and other public property describing the boundaries of the zone.

That Section 9-8 subsection (e) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows; in all other respects said Code, Section and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

(e) Designation of zones.

- (1) The following streets and portions thereof are hereby designated as no-cruising zones between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on every day of the week.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Extent</u>
Belt Line Road	Between New Market Road and Mimosa Lane.
Grubb Drive	Between Belt Line Road and North Galloway Avenue.
Mimosa Lane	Between Belt Line Road and North Galloway Avenue.
South Galloway Avenue	Between New Market Road and Kearny Street.
North Galloway Avenue	Between Kearny Street and I.H. 635

(2) That such designation shall include the named boundaries, and all intersections, alleys, and other public property located along or adjacent to the named boundaries.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph, or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part or provision so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of Chapter 9 or any other provision of the Code of the City of Mesquite.

SECTION 4. 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 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 5. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to regulate cruising creates an urgency and 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, Texas, on the 6th day of October, 1997.



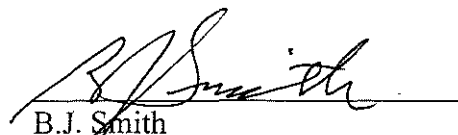
Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary



B.J. Smith
City Attorney