

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 17, 1998; SAID DATE BEING A UNIFORM ELECTION DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER TO ADOPT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF CENT SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4B, ARTICLE 5190.6, VERNON'S ANNOTATED TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 4B, Article 5190.6, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, authorizes the governing body of a qualified municipality to call an election for the purpose of adopting an additional sales and use tax of one-half of one percent to be used for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite is a municipality qualified to call such election; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by majority vote of the City of Mesquite City Council that an election should be held for the purpose of determining whether an additional tax may be adopted;

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

SECTION 1. That the following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Mesquite at a special election to be held in the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1998.

The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to undertake projects authorized by Section 4B of Article 5190.6, as amended, including but not limited to projects to promote new and expanded business enterprises, including public safety facilities, streets, roads, transportation facilities, drainage, and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, water and sewer facilities, and general improvements that are municipally owned as well as any other improvements or facilities that are related to any of the above projects and any other projects that the board determines will promote new or expanded business enterprises, and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above described projects; and quality of life projects for the promotion of parks and recreation, convention, tourism, historic preservation, libraries and exhibition facilities, including related infrastructure and support facilities and related maintenance and operations costs of such projects; and for maintenance and operations costs of the Mesquite Arts Center and Rodeo Center Conference Center and Exhibition Hall.

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SECTION 2. Notice of such election shall be published at least once not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day as provided in Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 3. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Texas, the Statutes of the State of Texas, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Mesquite, and shall be in conformity with the procedures set forth herein.

SECTION 4. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted by the Dallas County Elections Department. Ellen Williams, City Secretary, City of Mesquite, is hereby appointed clerk of early voting in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Bruce R. Sherbet, Dallas County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed as chief deputy early voting clerk. Early voting will be conducted at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon, Mesquite, Texas, and at all locations as designated by the Dallas County Elections Administrator.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on weekdays beginning Wednesday, December 31, 1997, and continuing through Friday, January 9, 1998, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. except January 1, 1998, when there will be no early voting; Saturday, January 10, 1998, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, January 12, 1998, through Tuesday, January 13, 1998, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any qualified voter for the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at either the main early voting location or at any of the branch locations. The main early polling place is:

Dallas County Records Building  
Office of the Elections Department  
First Floor, 509 Main Street  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Bruce R. Sherbet  
Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk  
1st Floor, Records Building, 509 Main Street  
Dallas, Texas 75202

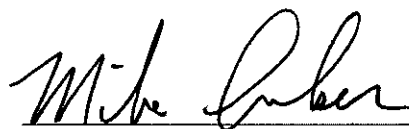
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 9, 1998.

SECTION 5. 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.

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SECTION 6. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite creates an urgency and an emergency and necessitates that this ordinance become effective immediately from and after its date of passage and the publication of its caption as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of October, 1997.



Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams  
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith  
City Attorney