ORDINANCE NO. 3194

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF MESQUITE CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN BY ALLOWING THE NUMBER OF FIRE LIEUTENANTS IN FIRE PREVENTION TO BE FLEXIBLY CHANGED BETWEEN FIVE (5) AND THREE (3), AND CORRESPONDINGLY THE NUMBER OF FIRE CAPTAINS IN FIRE PREVENTION TO BE FLEXIBLY CHANGED BETWEEN TWO (2) AND FOUR (4); 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 the City of Mesquite Classification and Pay Plan is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

A. The number of Fire Lieutenants in the Fire Prevention Division, heretofore authorized as five (5), may be flexibly changed between five (5) and three (3). Correspondingly, the number of Fire Captains in the Fire Prevention Division heretofore authorized as two (2) may be flexibly changed between two (2) and four (4). Any changes outside the confines of this ordinance shall be made by the governing body in accordance with Chapter 143, Local Government Code, and in accordance with Fire Department procedures. This does not constitute an increase or decrease in total authorizations. The total number of Fire Captains and Lieutenants in the Fire Prevention Division is currently seven (7) and remains unchanged.

SECTION 2. That Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective December 15, 1997.

<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.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. The fact that the present composition of the Fire Department is inadequate to protect the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mesquite creates an urgency and 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 15th day of December, 1997.

Mike Anderson

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Ellen Williams City Secretary

B.J. Smith City Attorney