

ORDINANCE NO. 3209

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-43, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, RELATING TO WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES; PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 2-43 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended as follows; in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

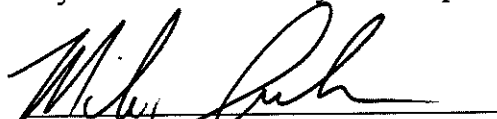
Section 2-43. Write-in Candidates.

Write-in candidates for municipal offices must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Secretary in accordance with the requirements prescribed by state law.

SECTION 2. 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. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to address write-in candidacies for municipal offices 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 16th day of February, 1998.



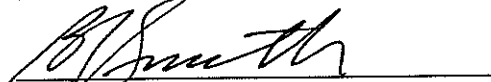
Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.I. Smith
City Attorney