ORDINANCE NO. 3253 File ZO98-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1973, AND RECODIFIED ON NOVEMBER 21, 1988, BY AMENDING SECTION 6-102 TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR CONVENIENCE STORE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, through administration and experience, the Planning and Zoning Commission has determined that it is necessary to revise certain regulations so that the intended purposes of the Zoning Ordinance are best served; and

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

- <u>SECTION 1</u>. That the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance, adopted on September 4, 1973, and recodified on November 21, 1988, be and the same is hereby amended as follows, said ordinance in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:
 - A. Amend Section 6-102 to add a definition for Convenience Store to read as follows; in all other respects said section to remain in full force and effect:

6-102 Definition.

Convenience Store: Any retail establishment offering for sale prepackage food products, household items, and other goods commonly associated with the same, which is a walk-in store having a gross floor area of no less than 1,000 square feet and no more than 5,000 square feet.

- SECTION 2. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph, phrase, or section of this ordinance be held to be 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 so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional and shall not affect the validity of the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance as a whole.
- SECTION 3. 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 subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand

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Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense.

SECTION 4. Whereas the need to regulate proper development of the City of Mesquite, and the need to protect the public interest, comfort, and general welfare of the City of Mesquite 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 21st day of September, 1998.

Mike Anderson

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Ellen Williams

City Secretary

B.A. Smith

City Attorney