ORDINANCE NO. __3397__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICER FROM 163 TO 164; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance the number of officers in the Police Department in the classification of Police Officer has previously been set at 163; and

WHEREAS, grant funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant have been awarded to the City in the amount of $79,785.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds can and it has been determined will be used, in part, for hiring an additional Police Officer thereby accommodating the staffing of an additional forgery investigator.
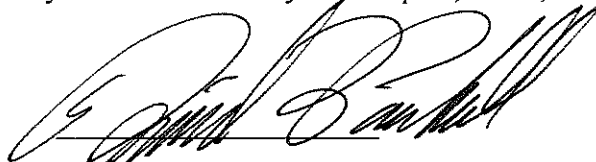
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.   That the number of officers in the classification of Police Officer in the Police Department shall be increased from 163 to 164 and that such increase shall accommodate the addition of a Police Officer in the forgery investigation division.

SECTION 2.   That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision 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 or provision so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid and the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.   That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to provide for the appropriate number of officers in the Police Officer classification creates an urgency and an 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.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 6th day of November, 2000.
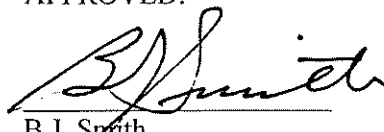
David Paschall
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:

B.J. Smith
City Attorney