

ORDINANCE NO. 3432

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY DELETING SECTION 1-6 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING A NEW SECTION 1-6 SPECIFYING GENERAL PENALTIES TO ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by deleting Section 1-6 in its entirety and inserting a new Section 1-6 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect.

**CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Sec. 1-6. General penalties; applicability; continuing violations.

(a) Except where otherwise provided herein, whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the City an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in this Code or by ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for violations of all such provisions that govern fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including the dumping of refuse.

(b) Except where otherwise provided herein, whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the City not pertaining to fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in this Code or by ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violations of all provisions.

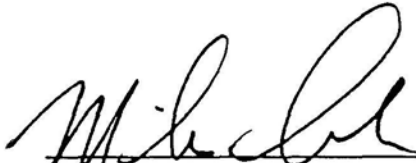
(c) Each day any violation of this Code or of any ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense unless some other time period is specified.

SECTION 2. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

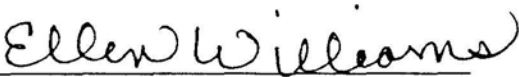
SECTION 4. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite need to specify general penalties to ordinance violations, creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage 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 18th day of June, 2001.




Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney