

ORDINANCE NO. 3452

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY DELETING SECTION 16-1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16-1, THEREBY AMENDING THE WATER RATES; ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 1, 2001, AS THE DATE SUCH RATES BECOMES EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by deleting Section 16-1 in its entirety and adding a new Section 16-1 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

CHAPTER 16

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 16-1. Water rates.

The water rates to be charged and collected by the City from all customers obtaining service from said waterworks system of said City, shall be and are hereby fixed as set forth below:

Residential Water Rates

Minimum – one thousand (1,000) gallons (minimum monthly charge).....\$4.65
All over one thousand (1,000) gallons, per one thousand (1,000) gallons.....\$2.21

Commercial and Industrial Water Rates

Minimum – one thousand (1,000) gallons.....\$4.65
All over one thousand (1,000) gallons, per one thousand (1,000) gallons.....\$2.21

Apartment Water Rates

Minimum – one thousand (1,000) gallons.....\$3.50
All over one thousand (1,000) gallons, per one thousand (1,000) gallons.....\$2.21

Apartment complexes with more than one unit are billed by dividing the total number of gallons consumed by the number of units in the apartment complex and computing the bill as though each unit was a separate residence using the average number of gallons.

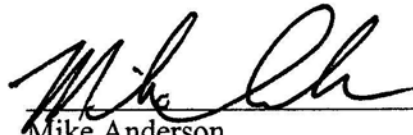
SECTION 2. That the rate adopted by this ordinance shall be effective from and after October 1, 2001.

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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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 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.

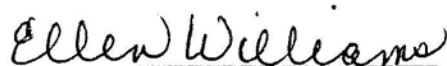
SECTION 5. That the present water rates of the City of Mesquite are inadequate requires the adoption of new water rates and creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the effective date provided herein 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 17th day of September, 2001.



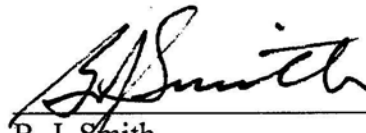
Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney