

ORDINANCE NO. 3535

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

WHEREAS, in response to the tragic events surrounding September 11, 2001, the Police Department Administration created a position within the Patrol Bureau with the responsibility of coordinating and directing efforts related to Homeland/Community Security; and

WHEREAS, an existing lieutenant was temporarily assigned to this position; and

WHEREAS, the Homeland/Community Security position has proven valuable since its inception and has greatly increased the department's ability to gather and disseminate information critical to the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the permanent creation of the position of Homeland/Community Security Coordinator would increase the number of authorized lieutenants by one position and decrease the number of police officers by one position; and

WHEREAS, the number of officers in the Police Department in the classification of Lieutenant would increase from seven to eight; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Ordinance No. 3397 on November 6, 2000, the number of officers in the Police Department in the classification of Police Officer had been set at 164 and will with passage of this ordinance be decreased to 163.

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

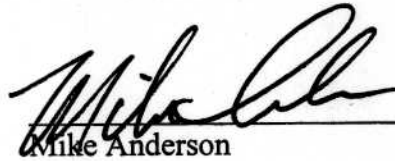
SECTION 1. That the number of officers in the classification of Lieutenant in the Police Department shall be increased from seven to eight and the number of officers in the classification of Police Officer in the Police Department shall be decreased from 164 to 163.

SECTION 2. 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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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 3. 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.

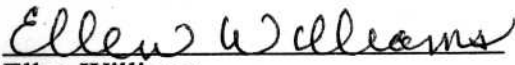
SECTION 5. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to provide for the appropriate number of officers in the Lieutenant classification creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 21st day of October, 2002.




Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney