ORDINANCE NO. ____3634 ____ File No. 2004-1

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 2-302.A.4a BY INCREASING THE MINIMUM LIVING AREA (SQUARE FOOTAGE) FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT FROM 2,000 SQUARE FEET TO 2,500 SQUARE FEET; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in order that the intended purposes of the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance are best served, it has been determined necessary to amend certain language of said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission did give public notice and did hold public hearings regarding proposed revisions and has recommended amendment of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did give public notice and did hold a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment.

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

- SECTION 1. That the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance adopted on September 4, 1973, and recodified on November 21, 1988, be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 2-302.A.4a by increasing the minimum living area (square footage) for a Single Family Residence in the Agriculture District from 2,000 square feet to 2,500 square feet, said section and ordinance in all other respects to remain in full force and effect.
- 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 (\$2,000.00) Dollars for each offense.

That the need to regulate proper development of the City of SECTION 4. Mesquite and in order 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 16th day of February, 2004.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary

City Attorney