ORDINANCE NO. 3778

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 9-224 THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ERECT SIGNS PROHIBITING PARKING IN CUL-DE-SACS WITH TURNAROUNDS LESS THAN 95 FEET IN DIAMETER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by adding a new Section 9-224 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code, Chapter and Section to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 9-224. Parking prohibited in cul-de-sacs.

- (a) Definition. Cul-de-sac means a short minor street having but one vehicular access to another street and terminated by a vehicle turnaround.
- (b) *Prohibition*. The City Manager and the Chief of Police are hereby authorized to erect signs indicating it shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to stand or park a vehicle in the vehicle turnaround of a cul-desac if the vehicle turnaround is less than 95 feet in diameter.

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.

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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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

<u>SECTION 4.</u> 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 upon conviction in the Municipal Court shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each offense.

SECTION 5. That the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate in prohibiting the parking of vehicles in cul-de-sacs with turnarounds less than 95 feet in diameter, 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.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of November, 2005.

Mike Anderson

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Judy Womack City Secretary

B. J. Smith
City Attorney