AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF CAPTAIN FROM 28 TO 25; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF LIEUTENANT FROM 20 TO 22 AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER FROM 110 TO 111; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 1. That the number of positions in the Fire Department in the classification of Captain shall be reduced from 28 to 25, the number of positions in the classification of Lieutenant shall increase from 20 to 22 and the number of positions in the classification of Firefighter shall increase from 110 to 111. These adjustments will be made through attrition in the classification of Captain with no vacancy in the Captain classification occurring until filled Captain positions number fewer than 25, and at no time during this transition will the total number of Captains and Lieutenants combined exceed 48. Priority will first be given to the reduction in the Captain classification with movement toward attrition in that classification effective upon passage of this ordinance, whereby with each reduction in the current Captains positions the positions in the Lieutenant classification shall increase by one until the Lieutenant classification increase is achieved at which time the increase in number of positions in the Firefighter classification shall occur.

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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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 not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4th day of May, 2009.

John Monaco

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land City Secretary APPROVED:

B. J. Smith City Attorney