

ORDINANCE NO. 4391

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTERS 5, 7 AND 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY PROVIDING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS UNDER SECTIONS 5-20(c), 7-83 AND 13-48(1) PERTAINING TO BUILDING FEES, APARTMENT INSPECTION FEES AND FEES FOR SIGN PERMITS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by providing additions and deletions under Section 5-20(c) to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

- (1) *Sec. 5-20(c).* Amend by deleting the current building permit fee for Commercial under Occupancy Classification in the Permit Fee Schedule in Section 5-20(c) in its entirety and adding a new building permit fee for Commercial under Occupancy Classification in the Permit Fee Schedule in Section 5-20(c) to read as follows:

**Permit Fee Schedule**

Building permit fees shall be as follows:

<i>Occupancy classification</i>	<i>Building area in square feet</i>	<i>Building permit fees</i>
Commercial	N/A	\$0.35 cents per square foot

- (2) *Sec. 5-20(c).* Amend by deleting the Commercial paragraph referring to additions, alterations, repairs and remodels under Section 5-20(c) in its entirety and adding a new Commercial paragraph referring to additions, alterations, repairs and remodels under Section 5-20(c) to read as follows:

**Commercial**

*Additions, alterations, repairs and remodels:*

Additions, alterations, repairs and remodels (includes electrical, plumbing, mechanical permits)	Building area (sq ft):
	Up to 2,000 = \$480 (minimum permit)
	2,001 to 10,000 = \$480 + \$0.24/sq ft over 2,000
	10,001 to 15,000 = \$2,400 + \$0.16/sq ft over 10,000
	Over 15,000 = \$3,200 + \$0.08/sq ft over 15,000

- (3) *Sec. 5-20(c)*. Amend Section 5-20(c) by adding a new table for Signs after the Commercial – Miscellaneous Permits table to read as follows:

**Signs**

\$125.00	Permanent signs, per sign (except low-clearance and freeway-oriented monument signs) + \$25.00 non-refundable application review fee, per application Temporary signs (as provided in Chapter 13)
\$500.00	Low-clearance and freeway-oriented monument signs + \$100.00 non-refundable application review fee, per application

**SECTION 2.** That Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 7-83 in its entirety and adding a new Section 7-83 to read as follows:

**Sec. 7-83. Apartment license fee.**

The annual fee for an apartment complex license is \$13.00 per unit. The fee is payable to the City of Mesquite and is due on May 31st of each year.

**SECTION 3.** That Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 13-48(1) in its entirety and adding a new Section 13-48(1) to read as follows:

- (1) No permit shall be issued for a permanent sign until a permit fee and application review fee has been paid in accordance with Section 5-20. Fees for temporary signs shall be charged and collected according to the specific provisions of this Chapter for each type of temporary sign. All governmental entities shall be exempt from paying sign permit fees.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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.

**SECTION 6.** That this ordinance shall be effective on and after October 1, 2015.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas,  
on the 21st day of September, 2015.

  
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Stan Pickett  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sonja Land  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney