ORDINANCE NO. 4447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 16-59(a) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16-59(a) THEREBY AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AS THE DATE SUCH RATES BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 16-59(a) in its entirety and adding a new Section 16-59(a) to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 16-59. Sewer rates or charges.

- (a) The rates or charges per month for services furnished by the sanitary sewer system shall be as follows:
 - (1) Residential and commercial accounts. Fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$14.25) minimum for first 1,000 gallons of water consumed and prorated at the rate of \$5.60 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed over and above the first 1,000 gallons of water. Residential accounts are capped at 8,000 gallons of water consumed.
 - (2) Apartments. Fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$14.25) minimum per dwelling unit for first 1,000 gallons of water consumed and prorated at the rate of \$5.60 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed over and above the first 1,000 gallons of water.
 - (3) City of Mesquite accounts. City of Mesquite accounts shall be charged for all consumption in excess of 1,000 gallons at the same rate that the City pays North Texas Municipal Water District per 1,000 gallons for wastewater treatment.

SECTION 2. That the rates adopted by this ordinance shall become effective from and after October 1, 2016.

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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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

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<u>SECTION 4</u>. 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 19th day of September, 2016.

Stan Pickett Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land City Secretary APPROVED:

B. J. Smith City Attorney