ORDINANCE NO. <u>4705</u>

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE MESQUITE CITY CODE, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 13-73(d)(6) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 13-73(d)(6) THEREBY UPDATING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF AN ALLOWED EXISTING BILLBOARD SIGN STRUCTURE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That Chapter 13 of the Mesquite City Code, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 13-73(d)(6) in its entirety and adding a new Section 13-73(d)(6) to read as follows, in all other aspects said Code, Chapter and Section to remain in full force and effect:

(6) Removal of an allowed existing billboard sign structure shall result in the permanent abandonment of the site as an allowed billboard location.

SECTION 2. 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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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 3.</u> 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 4.</u> Any person (as defined in Chapter 1, Section 1-2 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended) violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 Dollars for each offense, provided, however, if the maximum penalty provided for by this ordinance for an offense is greater than the maximum penalty provided for the same offense under the laws of the State of Texas, the maximum penalty provided by the laws of the State of Texas. Each day or portion of a day any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after five days after publication.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of August 2019.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

David L. Paschall City Attorney