

ORDINANCE NO. 4931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE MESQUITE CITY CODE BY DELETING SECTIONS 2-159(a) AND 2-159(c) IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 2-159(a) AND 2-159(c) TO UPDATE THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING REPEALER, CONFLICTS RESOLUTION, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is hereby amended by deleting Sections 2-159(a) and 2-159(c) in their entirety and adding new Sections 2-159(a) and 2-159(c) to read as follows, and in all other respects said Code, Chapter, and Sections to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 2-159 Political contribution limitation.

- (a) A person, including an individual's child under 10 years of age, shall not, in total, make a political contribution of more than:
 - (1) \$530.00 per City election in support of, or opposition to, a single candidate for election to Places 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 on the City Council; and
 - (2) \$3,210.00 per City election in support of, or opposition to, a single candidate for election of Mayor.

- (c) A political committee shall not:
 - (1) make a political contribution of more than \$530.00 per contributing member per City election to a single candidate for election to Places 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 on the Mesquite City Council; and
 - (2) make a political contribution of more than \$3,210.00 per contributing member per City election to a single candidate for election to Mayor.

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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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

SECTION 3. In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of another previously adopted ordinance of the City of Mesquite and the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling.

SECTION 4. 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 5. Any person (as defined in Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 5, Section 2-158 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended) who knowingly violates any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offense for each such violation. Each offense is a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense.

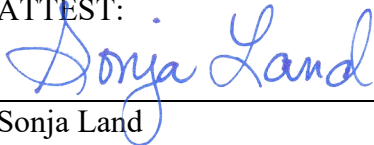
SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after five days after publication.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of January 2022.



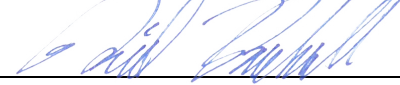
Daniel Alemán, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



David L. Paschall
City Attorney