

ORDINANCE NO. 5040

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 A PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MESQUITE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 1, [SECTION 1-6](#) (GENERAL PENALTIES); 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) \$590.00 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) \$3,510.00 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 \$590.00 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 \$3,510.00 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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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.

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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 violation of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance by any “person,” as defined in Mesquite City Code, Chapter 1, [Section 1-2](#), shall be deemed a Class C Misdemeanor criminal offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a penalty of fine, or any other general penalties, as provided in Mesquite City Code, Chapter 1, [Section 1-6](#), as amended.

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 7th day of August 2023.

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Mayor

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