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RESOLUTION NO. 18-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF FINANCING THE DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION LABORATORY THROUGH INCREASES IN USER SERVICE CHARGES TO MUNICIPALITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Criminal Investigation Laboratory of the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Services at Dallas was established to provide scientific assistance to all municipal agencies in Dallas County; and,

WHEREAS, all the Citizens of Dallas County have funded the majority of its operating and capital budget in the past by property taxes paid to Dallas, County; and,

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Dallas County residing in its municipalities can reasonably expect its services to be continued to their municipalities as a reasonable County service; and,

WHEREAS, any change in the method of service charges by the Dallas County Criminal Investigation Laboratory will not necessarily decrease the tax rate for any Dallas County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the results of such investigations and examinations are most often utilized by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the courts of Dallas County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed change in the method of financing the Criminal Investigation Laboratory by increasing user service charges would only increase the liability of municipal advalorem property taxes paid by Dallas County municipal residents.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite expresses its opposition to any change in the method of financing the Dallas County Criminal Investigation Laboratory through increases in user service charges to municipalities; and,

SECTION 2. That increasing service charges to user municipalities in effect administratively shifts the tax burden to user municipalities without the advice or consent of their governing bodies; and,

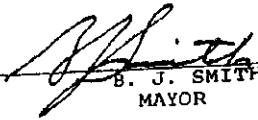
SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Commissioner's Court of Dallas County, Texas; and

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Mesquite and it is accordingly so resolved.

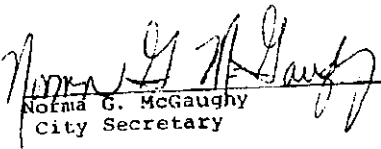
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DULY PASSED on the 21st day of May, A.D., 1979.


B. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary