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RESOLUTION NO. 46-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION 15-76 WHICH ENDORSES AND SUPPORTS TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968, PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIR HOUSING ADMINISTRATOR, PROVIDES FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

That Resolution No. 15-76 is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

SECTION 1. The City Manager shall appoint and the City Council shall confirm a Fair Housing Administrator, who shall have the responsibility for implementing Resolution 15-76.

SECTION 2. The Administrator shall cooperate with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Attorney General of the United States in the enforcement of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and may assist the Secretary of the Attorney General in any way appropriate to further the policies of Resolution 15-76.

SECTION 3. The Fair Housing Administrator will process complaints as follows:

1. A person who claims to have been the subject of a discriminatory housing practice may file a complaint with the Administrator. Such complaints will be in writing.
2. All complaints shall be filed within 30 days following the offense. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Administrator shall provide a copy of the complaint to the accused. All complaints shall be subscribed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths.
3. Upon the filing or referral of a complaint, the Administrator shall conduct a prompt and full investigation of the matter stated in the complaint.
4. If the Administrator determines that there is not probable cause to believe that an alleged offense has been committed, no further action will be taken.
5. If the Administrator determines that there is probable cause to believe that an alleged offense has occurred, and all attempts at conciliation in rectifying the

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situation with the owner have failed, the Administrator shall refer the complaint to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for further action.

SECTION 4. That Section 1 of Resolution No. 15-76 shall read as follows:

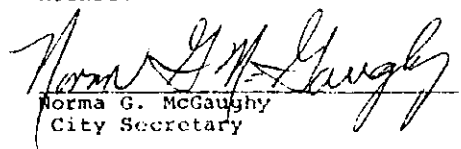
That this City Council endorses and supports the principle of fair and open housing as set forth in Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of their own choice without regard to race, color, religion, or natural origin, sex, age or condition of handicap.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of November, A.D., 1979.


B. J. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Norma G. McGaughey
City Secretary