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RESOLUTION NO. 37-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE STATE COMPTROLLER TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION RELATING TO HOTEL-MOTEL TAX COLLECTION TO CITIES, AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, cities are entitled to tax revenues not to exceed seven percent of the consideration paid by the occupant of the sleeping room to the hotel; and

WHEREAS, the hotel-motel tax is sent directly to the city from the various hotels and motels, but cities do not have access to information upon which they can determine if the amount of tax paid to them is correct; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller has information provided to them by hotels and motels which cities could utilize to perform an audit to determine if the proper amount of revenue is being paid to them by the hotels and motels, but such information has been considered exempt from disclosure by the State Comptroller.

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 urges the legislature to adopt legislation requiring the State Comptroller's office to disclose audit information audit work papers and other pertinent information relating to hotel-motel tax collection to cities so that cities can effectively perform audits relating to their collection of hotel-motel tax revenues.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

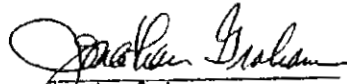
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 15th day of August, 1988.


George A. Venner, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Jonathan Graham
City Attorney