RESOLUTION NO. 01-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF SIGNS IN SOUTHEAST MESQUITE TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW OF SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE AREA; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED SIGNS DURING THE MORATORIUM; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the southeastern portion of the City of Mesquite remains largely undeveloped, with few nonresidential uses existing;

WHEREAS, policies for development in the area as reflected in the *Mesquite Development Guide: 1994 Update* stress environmental quality and development aesthetics to assure viable, attractive communities in general;

WHEREAS, the development of executive-style housing is a specific goal for the southeastern area; and

WHEREAS, clutter, unattractive signage along the area's access corridors may be detrimental to the general development and, specifically, to the development of executive housing;

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

SECTION 1. That a 180 day moratorium on the issuance of permits for the erection of signs within the Southeast Mesquite area, as defined in Exhibit A, is hereby decreed to allow the evaluation of the Mesquite Sign Ordinance as it applies to Southeast Mesquite, the evaluation of compliance with development objectives and policies, and the drafting and adoption of ordinance amendments deemed necessary. The moratorium shall apply to permits for all permanent signs, except subdivision entry signs, wall signs not exceeding 40 square feet, and identification (monument) signs not exceeding five-feet in height. Permits for temporary signs, i.e. Construction, Builders Directional, Development, Political, and Real Estate Signs shall not be restricted.

SECTION 2. That the City Council shall consider and may grant exception to the moratorium in such cases where proposed signage will not be in conflict with the objectives and policies regarding general development as reflected in the Mesquite Development Guide and the specific objective regarding development of executive housing.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

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DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of February, 1996.

Cathye Ray Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Ellen Williams
City Secretary

B.J Smith City Attorney

