

RESOLUTION NO. 26-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF AUTO THEFT.

WHEREAS, citizens in the State of Texas are confronted with the crime of auto theft at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the crime of auto theft is very costly, both in direct property loss, increased insurance costs, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, the crime of auto theft frequently leads to a police pursuit of the stolen motor vehicle, with the attendant a danger to the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of auto theft is increasing in the City of Mesquite since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the level of punishment for a crime is believed to have an inverse impact on the number of such crimes committed;

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

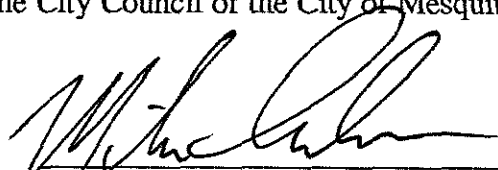
SECTION 1. That the Texas Municipal League be urged to sponsor or support legislation to increase the Texas Penal Code penalty for the crime of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle from a State Jail Felony to a Third-Degree Felony.

SECTION 2. That the legislative delegation representing the citizens of Mesquite be urged to support the aforementioned legislative change.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is authorized to take those steps reasonable and necessary to comply with this resolution.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 3rd day of August, 1998.




Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith