

RESOLUTION NO. 08-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING THE HOUSE CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AND FAVORABLY REPORT HOUSE BILL 446 (ELVIRA REYNA AND ART REYNA) WHICH INCREASES THE PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has experienced an increase in motor vehicle theft incidences since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the crime of motor vehicle theft is very costly, both in direct property loss and in increased insurance costs; and

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

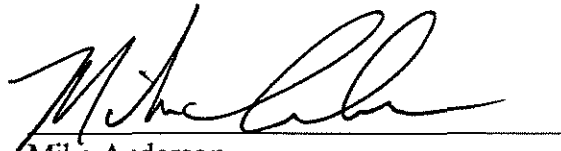
WHEREAS, the level of punishment for a crime is believed to have an inverse impact on the number of such crimes committed.

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

SECTION 1. That the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee be urged to support and favorably report House Bill 446 which increases 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 a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the legislative delegation representing the citizens of Mesquite.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 1st day of March, 1999.




Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary



B.J. Smith
City Attorney