

RESOLUTION NO. 15-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 MESQUITE, TEXAS, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1250
 (MAXEY) EXEMPTING BASIC LOCAL TELECOMMUNI-
 CATIONS SERVICES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX.

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax on basic local telecommunications services is a sizable source of municipal revenue; and

WHEREAS, exempting basic local telephone service from the sales and use tax would produce an estimated \$295,000 revenue loss for the City of Mesquite in the first year alone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite would be forced to reduce City services and staff or seek additional funding through increased property taxes or service fees, likely counteracting the Legislature's original intent to provide some level of tax relief.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite strongly opposes House Bill 1250 (Maxey) which exempts basic local telecommunications services from the sales and use tax, and urges the House Ways and Means Committee to report this legislation unfavorably from committee.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the House Ways and Means Committee and the legislative delegation representing the citizens of Mesquite.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1999.

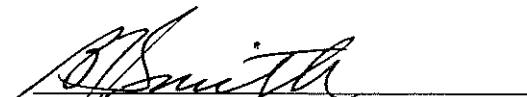


Mike Anderson
 Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


 Ellen Williams
 City Secretary


 B. J. Smith
 City Attorney