

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "ADDRESSING MESQUITE" PROGRAM FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND RENTAL CERTIFICATE-OF-OCCUPANCY INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, in April 2004 the Community Development Department conducted a survey that rated the exterior structural condition of every single-family residence within the City of Mesquite (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the survey revealed that overall approximately 84% of the single-family structures are in "A" or excellent condition; however, there are neighborhoods in the City where nearly 40% of the structures are rated below condition "A;" and

WHEREAS, in order to address building conditions and other critical issues that affect the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods, the City Council approved funding in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Community Development Block Grant budget for a program called "Addressing Mesquite;" and

WHEREAS, "Addressing Mesquite" consists of two initiatives: a Neighborhood Revitalization program that deals comprehensively with the environmental, planning and economic development factors that determine neighborhood health and a Rental Certificate-of-Occupancy program that seeks to ensure compliance with minimum interior and exterior code requirements for non-owner occupied single- and duplex-family structures; and

WHEREAS, due to the resource demands anticipated for Neighborhood Revitalization, that initiative will begin by focusing primarily on four priority neighborhoods — Casa View Heights, Truman Heights, Mesquite Park and Sherwood Forest, but will grow over time to include other areas interested in joining a neighborhood network; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Certificate-of-Occupancy program shall be implemented citywide and apply to each single- and duplex-family rental structure at the time of a change in tenant occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the funding, personnel and equipment resources required for implementing "Addressing Mesquite" have been secured and the City is prepared to launch the program.

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

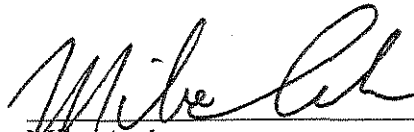
SECTION 1. That the Community Development Department is directed to prepare and present to the City Council the necessary amendments to the International Residential Code and related ordinances for the purpose of enacting the Rental Certificate-of-Occupancy program.

SECTION 2. That following adoption of the required ordinances, the City Manager is authorized to proceed with implementation of the Rental Certificate-of-Occupancy program, provided that enforcement shall commence no earlier than August 1, 2005, or at such time thereafter as the owners and managers of single- and duplex-family properties have been adequately notified and informed as to the requirements, terms and conditions of the program.

SECTION 3. That the Community Development Director may proceed with notifying affected neighborhoods and unveiling the Neighborhood Revitalization program in accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 45-2004, adopted October 18, 2004, and which includes proactive enforcement of the International Property Maintenance Code.

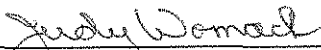
SECTION 4. That from time to time the City Manager shall report to the City Council on the progress of achieving the goals of "Addressing Mesquite," and specifically the goal to raise the overall level of building conditions in the affected neighborhoods.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of May, 2005.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Womack
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney