

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 20 (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES); ARTICLE V (ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES) BY ADDING NEW DIVISION 8 (YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD), THEREBY CREATING THE MESQUITE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER RELATED ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS; AND AUTHORIZING TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER TERMS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** adding a new **Mesquite Youth Advisory Board** will allow adult members of the community to serve on the Board in an advisory capacity regarding Mesquite youth initiatives, programs, and other youth related projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mesquite Youth Advisory Board may also serve in an advisory capacity regarding the **Mesquite Youth Council** (a City program whereby the membership of the Youth Council is comprised of students residing in the Mesquite City limits); and

**WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City Council**”), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City**”), is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted, and amended, by the electorate pursuant to Article 11, [Section 5](#) of the Texas Constitution and [Chapter 9](#) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS,** a home-rule municipality has full power of local self-government, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Chapter 51, [Section 51.072\(a\)](#); and

**WHEREAS,** the City shall have the power to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve and enforce good government, order, and security of the City and its inhabitants; and to enact and enforce ordinances on any and all subjects pursuant to Article III, [Section 2](#) of the Mesquite City Charter; and

**WHEREAS,** upon full review and consideration of all matters attendant and related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion this ordinance should be approved and adopted.

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

**SECTION 1. Recitals Incorporated.**

The City Council hereby finds and determines the recitals made in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct, and hereby incorporates such recitals here in the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2. Boards, Commissions, and Committees Organizational Structure.**

The City of Mesquite, Texas, Boards, Commissions, and Committees Organizational Structure chart is attached hereto and made a part hereof as **EXHIBIT A**. Said Chart is provided herein as a visual aid and may be administratively updated from time to time by the City staff as needed, without the need to seek City Council approval.

**SECTION 3. Mesquite City Code Text Amendment.**

**Amending Chapter 20 - Boards, Commissions, and Committees.**

The Mesquite City Code is hereby amended as identified in **EXHIBIT B**, thereby revising Chapter 20 – Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and said Exhibit is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and in all other respects, said Code, Chapters, and Articles shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Authorization of Transitional Provisions – Authority to adjust time period of new terms.**

The City Secretary or his/her designee is hereby authorized to make one-time adjustments to the regular members' and alternates' new terms, as necessary, to align persons with position numbers and coordinating expiration dates as identified in Chapter 20 of the Mesquite City Code.

**SECTION 5. Conflicts Resolution Clause.**

In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of another previously adopted ordinance of the City of Mesquite and the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling.

**SECTION 6. Severability Clause.**

Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance and the Mesquite City Code, as hereby or previously amended, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.**

**Effective Date.**

This ordinance after its passage and publication shall take effect on, and be in force from and after, five (5) days after publication thereof, in accordance with Mesquite City Charter, Article IV, [Section 24](#), and it is accordingly so ordained.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ON THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2025.**

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Daniel Alemán, Jr .  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Sonja Land  
City Secretary

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David L. Paschall  
City Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

**To Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

City of Mesquite, Texas  
Boards, Commissions, and Committees Organizational Structure

# CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS

## BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

### Organizational Structure

#### STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEES of the City Council

##### • **STANDING COMMITTEES**

###### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Less than a quorum  
of the City Council.

Created by the City Council.

###### Mayor appoints:

Members of the CC  
(Less than a quorum)

and

Chair.

##### • **SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEES**

###### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Less than a quorum  
of the City Council.

Created by Mayor.

###### Mayor appoints:

Members of the CC  
(Less than a quorum)

and

Chair.

##### • **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES**

###### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Non-members of the CC,  
and *may* include  
Less than a quorum  
of the City Council.

Created by the City Council.

All members of the City  
Council (i.e. Individual CC  
members and the Mayor) may  
each appoint at least one (1)  
member.

Mayor appoints Chair.

#### NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

- Historic Mesquite, Inc.  
(Non-members of the CC)

- Keep Mesquite Beautiful,  
Inc.  
(Non-members of the CC)

- Mesquite Quality of Life  
Corporation ("MQOLC")  
(Non-members of the CC)  
(\* \*\* Same Membership as  
Economic Development Advisory  
Board)  
(Subject to TOMA)

- Mesquite Health Facilities  
Development Corporation  
(Members of the City Council)

- Mesquite Housing Finance  
Corporation  
(Members of the City Council)

- Mesquite Industrial  
Development Corporation  
(Members of the City Council)

**Subject to CODE OF ETHICS**  
Some corporations may be  
subject to TOMA.

**Also governed by  
State law,  
Articles of Incorporation,  
and the Bylaws  
filed with the Texas  
Secretary of State.**

#### REINVESTMENT ZONE TIF & TIRZ BOARDS

- 01. Rodeo City TIF  
(Members of the City Council)

- 02. Towne Centre TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

- 07. Skyline TIF  
(Members of the City Council)

- 08. Gus Thomasson TIF  
(Members of the City Council)

- 09. Town East/Skyline  
TIRZ  
Members of CC &  
Non-members of the CC

- 10. Polo Ridge TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

- 11. Heartland Town  
Center TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

- 12. I-20 Business Park  
TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

- 13. Spradley Farms TIRZ  
Members of CC &  
Non-members of the CC

- 14. Alcott Logistics  
Station TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

- 15. Solterra TIRZ  
(Members of the City Council)

**Subject to CODE OF ETHICS**  
**Subject to TOMA**

**Also governed by State  
law and the uncodified  
City ordinance(s) creating  
the TIF or TIRZ Board(s).**

#### QUASI-JUDICIAL Boards, Commissions, & Committees

- Airport Board of Adjustment \*
- Airport Zoning Commission\* \*
- Board of Adjustment \*
- Building Standards Board
- Civil Service System: Civil  
Service Commission \* \* \*
- Civil Service System: Personnel  
Board & Trial Board \* \* \*
- Housing Board
- Landmark Commission
- Planning & Zoning  
Commission \* \*

**Subject to CODE OF ETHICS**  
**Subject to TOMA**

**Also governed by State law.**

**NOTE:**      \*\*\* Same Membership  
                 \*\* Same Membership  
                 \* Same Membership

#### ADVISORY Boards, Commissions, & Committees

- Animal Services Advisory  
Committee
- Capital Improvements  
Advisory Committee \* \*
- Downtown Development  
Advisory Board
- Economic Development  
Advisory Board  
(\*\*\* MQOLC membership)
- Library Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory  
Board \*
- Tree Advisory Board \*
- Youth Advisory Board

**Subject to CODE OF ETHICS**

**NOTE:**      \*\*\* Same Membership  
                 \*\* Same Membership  
                 \* Same Membership

#### REGIONAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

#### North Texas Municipal Water District

## **EXHIBIT B**

**To Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Chapter 20  
Article 1, Article III, and  
Article V, Division 8 – Youth Advisory Board

## MESQUITE CITY CODE

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### Chapter 20 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

#### Article I. – In General.

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*[Editor's Note: Make the following revisions with additions identified in green font and underlined and deletions identified in ~~red font with strikethrough~~.]*

#### Sec. 20-3. - Listing of City Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

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(b) *Advisory boards.* The following City boards, commissions, and committees are subject to the Mesquite City Charter, State and federal law where applicable, this CITY CODE, and/or the Mesquite Zoning Ordinance, and are considered ADVISORY BOARDS, that make recommendations and generally have no decision-making authority:

- (1) Animal Services Advisory Committee.
- (2) Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.
- (3) Downtown Development Advisory Board.
- (4) Economic Development Advisory Board.
- (5) Library Advisory Board.
- (6) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- (7) Tree Advisory Board.
- (8) Youth Advisory Board.

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## ARTICLE V. - ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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*[Editor's note: Insert the following NEW Youth Advisory Board as Division 8.]*

### DIVISION 8. – YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

#### Sec. 20-6001. - Establishment of the Youth Advisory Board.

The City of Mesquite, Texas, Youth Advisory Board was created and established by the City Council on March 3, 2025. The Youth Advisory Board may also be referred to as “Mesquite Youth Advisory Board.”

#### Sec. 20-6002. - In general.

The Youth Advisory Board was created and established by the City Council to serve in an advisory capacity regarding Mesquite Youth Council initiatives, programs, and other youth related programming and projects.

#### Sec. 20-6003. - Members.

- (a) *Regular members.* Nine (9) REGULAR MEMBERS shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) *Informational members.* The City Manager, or his/her designee, shall assign at least one person from the following City departments to serve as INFORMATIONAL MEMBERS:
  - (1) City Manager's Office; and
  - (2) Housing and Community Services; and
  - (3) Mesquite Police Department; and
  - (4) Parks and Recreation.

#### Cross references –

Definition of “INFORMATIONAL MEMBER” and “REGULAR MEMBER”, Article I, [Sec. 20-5](#).  
City Council action for appointments and confirmations, Article II, [Sec. 20-206](#).



**Sec. 20-6004. - Organization.**

- (a) *Regular Members.* REGULAR MEMBERS shall be appointed by the City Council to a specified position as designated below. Position numbers are assigned for term expiration date purposes and do not signify rank or seniority.

<b>Youth Advisory Board – Regular Members</b>	
Position No. 1.	Appointed for a term expiring in odd-numbered years.
	A representative from the Mesquite Independent School District – District Administration.
	City of Mesquite residency is not required.
Position No. 2.	Appointed for a term expiring in even-numbered years.
	A representative from the Mesquite Independent School District – High School Faculty or Staff.
	City of Mesquite residency is not required.
Position No. 3.	Appointed for a term expiring in odd-numbered years.
	A representative from the Mesquite Independent School District – Middle School Faculty or Staff.
	City of Mesquite residency is not required.
Position No. 4.	Appointed for a term expiring in even-numbered years.
	A representative from the Business Community.
	City of Mesquite residency is not required.
Position No. 5.	Appointed for a term expiring in odd-numbered years.
	A representative from the Business Community.
	City of Mesquite residency is not required.
Position No. 6.	Appointed for a term expiring in even-numbered years.
	Any resident of the City.
Position No. 7.	Appointed for a term expiring in odd-numbered years.
	Any resident of the City.
Position No. 8.	Appointed for a term expiring in even-numbered years.
	Any resident of the City.
Position No. 9.	Appointed for a term expiring in odd-numbered years.
	Any resident of the City.

- (b) *Alternates.* No ALTERNATES are appointed to the Youth Advisory Board.

**Sec. 20-6005. - Officers.**

- (a) *Chair.* The Youth Advisory Board shall elect a Chair in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) *Vice-Chair.* The Youth Advisory Board shall elect a Vice-Chair in accordance with this chapter.

**Cross reference** – Officers of the board, commission, or committee, Article III, Division 1, [Sec. 20-326](#).

**Sec. 20-6006. - Duties.**

- (a) *Code of ethics.* All REGULAR MEMBERS and ALTERNATES of the Youth Advisory Board shall comply with the City's CODE OF ETHICS.
- (b) *Regulations for regular members and alternates.* All REGULAR MEMBERS and ALTERNATES of the Youth Advisory Board shall comply with Article III (General Regulations) of this chapter.
- (c) *Other law.* All REGULAR MEMBERS and ALTERNATES of the Youth Advisory Board shall comply with State and other law as may be applicable.

**Cross reference** – City Code Ch. 2, Article IV, [Division 2](#) – Code of Ethics.

**Sec. 20-6007. - Responsibilities and matters of the Youth Advisory Board.**

The Youth Advisory Board shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Serving as liaison to the City Council and making recommendations regarding Mesquite Youth Council initiatives.
- (2) Making recommendations to the City Council for youth programs.
- (3) Monitoring and making recommendations regarding City programing and activities of the Mesquite Youth Council.
- (4) Serving as a forum for the exchange of information related to current or future Mesquite Youth Council programs.
- (5) Updating City Council of the status of Mesquite Youth Council initiatives as needed.

**Sec. 20-6008. - Quorum.**

To conduct the business of the Youth Advisory Board a QUORUM shall be present. A QUORUM shall be calculated as a majority number of the FULL MEMBERSHIP of the Board; therefore, five (5) persons shall constitute a QUORUM.

**Cross reference** – “Full Membership” and “Quorum” defined, Article I, [Sec. 20-5](#).

**Similar State Law provision** – “Quorum” defined, V.T.C.A., Government Code, Open Meetings Act, § 551.001.

**Sec. 20-6009. - Rules of procedure.**

- (a) *In general.* The Youth Advisory Board shall comply with Sec. 20-324 (Rules of Procedure) of Article III, Division 1 in this Chapter, and as may be identified by law.
- (b) *Board specific rules of procedure.* The Youth Advisory Board specific rules of procedure, if any, shall be adopted in accordance with Sec. 20-324 (Rules of Procedure) of Article III, Division 1 in this Chapter. If the City Council approves specific rules of procedure for the Youth Advisory Board, said rules shall be filed in the Office of the City Secretary and posted on the City's website.

**Secs. 20-6010– 20-6200. – Reserved.**

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