ORDINANCE NO.
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AFFIRMING THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 2 UNDER SECTION 2-42 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4a of the Mesquite City Charter mandates that periodically the City Council shall review and where necessary and permissible, alter or change the boundaries of the four existing council districts for the purpose of preserving and maintaining the equal apportionment of inhabitants in each such district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has examined the population of the four existing council districts using data obtained through the 2010 United States Decennial Census, as supplemented by housing unit data, and finds that the populations within the current district boundaries have not changed significantly since the boundaries were established in 2011, as reviewed and affirmed in 2015; and

WHEREAS, within practical limitations the current districts continue to preserve and maintain the equal apportionment of inhabitants in the districts, and accordingly, the City Council finds that it is not necessary to adjust the current district boundaries.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council districts described in Chapter 2 under Section 2-42 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, are hereby affirmed and shall continue in effect until such time that the Council deems it necessary and permissible to adjust said boundaries.

SECTION 2. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> That any territory hereafter annexed to the City shall upon annexation become a part of that district described above to which it is attached and in which it is situated.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of January, 2018.

	Stan Pickett
	Mayor
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Sonja Land	B. J. Smith
City Secretary	City Attorney