

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE MESQUITE CITY CODE, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTIONS 8-914(a) AND 8-915(e) IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 8-914(a) AND 8-915(e) TO UPDATE CONVENIENCE STORE AND LATE HOURS BUSINESS REGULATIONS REGARDING SECURITY SIGNS AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Sections 8-914(a) and 8-915(e) in their entirety and adding new Sections 8-914(a) and 8-915(e) to update convenience store and late hours business regulations regarding security signs and surveillance camera systems to read as follow, in all other respects said Code, Chapter and Sections to remain in full force and effect:

Sec. 8-914. Security signs; height strips.

- (a) A convenience store shall have posted at all public exits and entrances “No Loitering” and “No Trespassing” signs in lettering two inches or larger, in English and Spanish. Additionally a convenience store shall post such signs on the front, sides and rear of the convenience store.

Sec. 8-915. Surveillance camera system.

- (e) The owner shall maintain on a digital storage device a library of the recorded digital images for not less than seven (7) days.

SECTION 2. 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or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.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.

SECTION 3. 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 4. Any person (as defined in Chapter 1, Section 1-2 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended) violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be

subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each offense, provided, however, if the maximum penalty provided for by this ordinance for an offense is greater than the maximum penalty provided for the same offense under the laws of the State of Texas, the maximum penalty for violation of this ordinance for such offense shall be the maximum penalty provided by the laws of the State of Texas. Each day or portion of a day any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after five days after publication.


DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 7th day of December 2020.

Bruce Archer
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Sonja Land
City Secretary



David L. Paschall
City Attorney