

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 15, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-42 Amends the City's version of the International Building Code to provide fire and life safety requirements for live/work units. Proposed by: Paul K. Wilkins, Director of Building and Safety

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City's zoning regulations allow live/work units in certain locations by means of an overlay district. The City's version of the International Building Code does not specifically address this type of occupancy. This bill will amend the Building Code to provide fire and life safety requirements for live/work units.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2006-42

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

PAUL WILKINS said that Las Vegas is larger, and the building codes should be relaxed to the point of allowing people to live and work in the downtown area, while ensuring the safety of the residents.

An unidentified male speaker expressed appreciation of the work that fire and building staff put into this bill, which he feels will enhance the Arts District and development in the surrounding area.

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REVEREND STEPHEN SMITH, 901 E. Ogden Avenue, stated that he owns two buildings in the Arts District that will require 24-hour security, so someone will have to reside there. Also, the Morgan Pest Control building has had an attached apartment for many years, and this bill will legalize it. He recommended approval.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.