



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 7.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: DECEMBER 19, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JEBBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
NEW BILL

Bill No. 2006-69. Updates the remedies and procedures for abating public nuisances and chronic nuisances, and adds licensing provisions to facilitate the prevention and abatement of such nuisances. Sponsors: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian and Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will update the remedies and procedures for abating public nuisances and chronic nuisances. It will also add licensing provisions to facilitate the prevention and abatement of such nuisances. The bill is the result of a combined effort among City departments, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and other agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2006-69
2. Business Impact Statement

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

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

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that this matter involves a comprehensive document that addresses the needs of Code Enforcement, Metro and the City Attorney's Office, who worked together on this. She thanked them, as well as CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED and SERGEANT DAMIAN WALBURN for all their work and diligence.



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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED added that in the process of crafting this bill, to help the criminal division and law enforcement sort out the differences between chronic, regular, civil and criminal nuisances, staff discovered other things to help enforcement and prosecution efforts. It was suggested that the licensing code be updated to put businesses on notice of the City's expectations for them to monitor and prevent nuisance activity. Comments from the business community and the Chamber of Commerce were sought, with the intent of preparing a Business Impact Statement. No feedback was received.

SERGEANT WALBURN thanked all the City staff that was involved in putting this together. It is a great tool that will help improve the quality of life for residents and will hold business owners and managers accountable.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, stated that the Arts District benefits the City. He asked why this was not put in place four years ago, noting that simple passage is not enough. The City has to enforce it strictly and timely.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, said that he reported the removal of the face plates that covered the bolts of the liberty bell replica. He noted that this is a good plan.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.