

1 **BILL NO. 2007-22**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S DROUGHT PLAN REGULATIONS TO ALLOW
4 NEW TURF TO BE INSTALLED IN THE FRONT YARDS OF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS,
5 SUBJECT TO EXISTING OVERALL TURF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER
6 RELATED MATTERS.

7 Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

Summary: Amends the City's drought plan regulations to allow new turf to be installed in the front yards of single-family dwellings, subject to existing overall turf limitations.

8 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN

9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1: Title 14, Chapter 11, Section 150, of the Municipal Code of the City of
11 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **14.11.150:** (A) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (B), [No] no new turf may be
13 installed in residential front yards. In single-family residential development, the installation of new
14 turf shall not exceed fifty percent of the gross area of the side and rear yard or one hundred square feet,
15 whichever is greater (up to a maximum of five thousand square feet). No turf area may be installed
16 in the side or rear yard if any dimension thereof is less than ten feet.

17 (B) The owner of a single family dwelling may apply to the Director for an
18 exemption from the prohibition in Subsection (A) regarding new turf in residential front yards.
19 Approval of an exemption authorizes the applicant to install new turf in the front yard, but only if the
20 total quantity of turf in the front, side and rear yards does not exceed the amount otherwise allowable
21 in the side and rear yards under Subsection (A). An application for exemption shall include such
22 information regarding the applicant's plans as the Director may require, including authorization for
23 City representatives to gain access to the property for purposes of determining compliance with this
24 Section.

25 [(B)] (C) During the months of May through August, the planting of cool-season grasses
26 (i.e. tall fescue or rye grass) is prohibited. The planting of warm-season grasses (i.e. bermuda and
27 zoysia) is permitted.

28 [(C)] (D) The restrictions applicable to nonresidential development during drought watch

1 conditions shall apply during drought alert conditions as well.

2 SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or
3 phrase in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or
4 ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or
5 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the
6 City of Las Vegas hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,
7 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,
8 subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional,
9 invalid or ineffective.

10 SECTION 3: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared
11 to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is
12 required or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a
13 misdemeanor, the doing of such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall
14 constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
15 \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or by any combination of such
16 fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

17 SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
18 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,
19 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

20 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2007.

21 APPROVED:

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23 By _____
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

24 ATTEST:

25 _____
BEVERLY BRIDGES, Acting City Clerk

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Date

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the
2 _____ day of _____, 2007, and referred to the following committee composed of
3 _____ and _____ for recommendation;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the _____ day of
5 _____, 2007, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council
7 as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____

9 VOTING "NAY": _____

10 ABSENT: _____

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APPROVED:

By _____
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

BEVERLY BRIDGES, Acting City Clerk