

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CURRENT  
NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR OZONE**

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3 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing  
4 to reduce the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Ozone from the current 0.084  
5 ppm to a range of 0.070 to 0.075 ppm; and

6 WHEREAS, this proposal could have a significant impact upon the future growth and  
7 development of the Las Vegas Valley; and

8 WHEREAS, Clark County was previously listed as an "ozone non-attainment" area  
9 with ozone values of 0.085 ppm for 3 years, from 2002 to 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, Clark County monitoring data for the past 3 years, from 2005 to 2007,  
11 indicates that the County is meeting the current NAAQS for Ozone at 0.084 ppm; and

12 WHEREAS, the background concentration of ozone in the Las Vegas Valley, with  
13 no human activities present, could naturally occur at a concentration of 0.040 to 0.060 ppm; and

14 WHEREAS, Clark County has conducted air quality modeling that demonstrates that  
15 the Las Vegas Valley will continue to be in attainment of the current standard of 0.084 ppm, as  
16 newer vehicles in the Valley have cleaner emissions; and

17 WHEREAS, the proposal to change the current standards will require significant  
18 emissions reduction efforts beyond current efforts, and new major industrial employment centers  
19 may not be able to locate in the Las Vegas Valley; and

20 WHEREAS, the proposal by the EPA to change the current standards may negatively  
21 impact the ability of the Regional Transportation Commission to receive Federal highway funding  
22 for highway and road construction and improvements; and

23 WHEREAS, Federal funding sources for other projects that impact the economic  
24 well-being of the Las Vegas Valley and its future growth and development may also be negatively  
25 impacted by the proposed change in the NAAQS for Ozone; and

26 WHEREAS, the new proposal to further reduce the ozone attainment standard will  
27 exacerbate the previous legal challenges to the current standard, which have resulted in confusion  
28 on the part of those agencies in Clark County responsible for attainment, implementation and

1 enforcement of the NAAQS.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
3 OF LAS VEGAS TO:

4 1. Express its support for the NAAQS for Ozone to remain at its current level and not be reduced  
5 further as proposed by the EPA.

6 2. Express its support for continuing efforts in the Las Vegas Valley to reduce emissions that  
7 negatively affect the air quality standards in Clark County and Southern Nevada.

8 3. Express its support for the pursuit of a balanced approach in the Las Vegas Valley to allow for  
9 the continuing economic development of the region and maintaining appropriate air quality  
10 standards to promote public health and safety.

11 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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BY   
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

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17 ATTEST:

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BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, CMC  
City Clerk

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM

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