

1 **BILL NO. 2008-43**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING STORMWATER AND  
4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS  
AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Proposed by: Jorge Cervantes, Director of Public Works      Summary: Adopts regulations governing  
6 stormwater and stormwater management in  
7 compliance with State and Federal laws and  
8 regulations.

8 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN  
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1: Title 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
11 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, designated as Chapter 18, consisting of  
12 the provisions set forth as Sections 2 to 30, inclusive, of this Ordinance.

13 SECTION 2: The following definitions shall govern the construction of this Chapter:

14 "Act" means the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended and as set forth in 33 U.S.C.  
15 §§ 1251 et seq., together with all guidelines, limitations and standards that are promulgated by the  
16 EPA pursuant to the Act.

17 "BMP" or "best management practices" means a structural or non-structural device, facility,  
18 measure, source control practice, or any activity, along with any required documentation thereof, that  
19 helps to achieve compliance with any discharge requirement set forth in this Chapter.

20 "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations, a codification of regulations issued by the  
21 executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

22 "Construction activity" means activities subject to NPDES construction permits as defined in  
23 40 CFR § 122.26.

24 "Director" means the Director of Public Works, or an authorized agent or representative of the  
25 Director.

26 "Discharge" means a point source discharge of pollutants into the storm system.

27 "Illicit discharge" means a direct or indirect discharge of non-stormwater to the storm system,  
28 except as allowed for in this Chapter.

1 "Illicit connection" means any connection to the storm system from an indoor sink or drain,  
2 or any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows entrance to the storm  
3 system of a discharge of sewage, industrial process wastewater, or non-stormwater that could interfere  
4 with the storm system or present an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the  
5 environment.

6 "Industrial activity" means activities subject to NPDES industrial permits as defined in 40  
7 CFR § 122.26.

8 "Maximum extent practicable" means the technology-based discharge standard to reduce  
9 pollutants in stormwater discharges that was established by Section 402(p) of the Act and is described  
10 in 40 CFR §122.34(a).

11 "NDEP" means the Division of Environmental Protection of the Nevada Department of  
12 Conservation and Natural Resources.

13 "Non-stormwater" means any discharge to the storm system that is not composed entirely of  
14 stormwater.

15 "NPDES permit" means a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that is  
16 issued by NDEP pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, authorizing a person to discharge pollutants into  
17 the waters of the United States.

18 "Person" means any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation or  
19 other entity recognized by law and acting as either the owner of premises or of an operation (or as the  
20 owner's agent), but does not include the City or any other state or local governmental entity within  
21 the State of Nevada, or any of their employees or agents.

22 "Point source" means "point source" as that term is defined in Section 502(14) of the Act.

23 "Pollutant" means "pollutant" as that term is defined in Section 502(6) of the Act.

24 "Premises" means any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land, whether improved or  
25 unimproved, and including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

26 "Release" or "spill" means any significant spill, leak, or release of any non-stormwater into  
27 the storm system, whether intentional or unintentional, other than that which is allowed for in this  
28 Chapter.

1           “Stormwater” means any discharge resulting from precipitation, irrigation, or normal  
2 residential activity.

3           “Stormwater pollution prevention plan” means a document which describes the BMPs and  
4 activities to be implemented by a person or business to identify sources of pollution or contamination  
5 at a site and the actions to eliminate or reduce the discharge of pollutants into the storm system to the  
6 maximum extent practicable.

7           “Surface waters” means “navigable waters” as that term is defined in Section 502(7) of the  
8 Act.

9           “Storm system” means any publicly-owned facility by which stormwater is collected or  
10 conveyed, including but not limited to any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, gutters,  
11 curbs, inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, retention and detention basins, natural and  
12 human-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs, and other drainage structures.

13           SECTION 3: The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the health, safety, and  
14 general welfare of City residents and visitors through the regulation of discharges to the storm system,  
15 to the maximum extent practicable. This Chapter establishes methods for controlling the introduction  
16 of stormwater and non-stormwater into the storm system in order to comply with requirements of the  
17 City’s NPDES stormwater permit. The objectives of this Chapter are to:

- 18           (A) Regulate the discharge of stormwater and non-stormwater to the storm system;
- 19           (B) Prohibit illicit connections and illicit discharges to the storm system;
- 20           (C) Establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring  
21 procedures, and enforcement activities necessary to ensure compliance with this Chapter;
- 22           (D) Establish civil, administrative and criminal penalties for violations of the  
23 provisions of this Chapter; and
- 24           (E) Provide procedures for City compliance with requirements that are placed upon  
25 the City by other governmental agencies.

26           SECTION 4: This Chapter shall apply to all water entering the storm system that has  
27 been generated on any developed and undeveloped lands, unless explicitly exempted by the Director  
28 or NDEP.

1           SECTION 5: The Director shall be responsible for administering, implementing, and  
2 enforcing the provisions of this Chapter. Any powers granted or duties imposed upon the Director  
3 may be delegated in writing by the Director to persons or entities acting in the beneficial interest of,  
4 or in the employ of, the City.

5           SECTION 6: The standards established by this Chapter are minimum standards that  
6 have been adopted by the City for the purposes stated. Nothing in this Chapter:

7           (A) Is intended, nor shall be deemed, to imply that compliance with this Chapter  
8 by any person will insulate that person from liability under other sources of law or theories of liability  
9 relating to the discharge of pollutants into the storm system;

10          (B) Shall create liability on the part of the City or its officers, employees or agents  
11 for any damages that result from a discharger's reliance on this Chapter or any administrative decision  
12 lawfully made thereunder.

13          SECTION 7: The City is authorized to regulate discharges from persons and premises  
14 that are located outside of the corporate boundaries of the City but are tributary to the storm system,  
15 consistent with any interlocal agreement. The requirements of this Chapter shall apply to each such  
16 person. The Director is authorized to inspect and monitor the facilities of each such person in order  
17 to determine its compliance with this Chapter.

18          SECTION 8: (A) It is unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be  
19 discharged into the storm system any non-stormwater, unless the discharge has been authorized by  
20 NDEP and approved by the Director, or is one of the following:

21                 (1) Water line flushing; water from other potable water sources; landscape  
22 irrigation or lawn watering; diverted stream flows; rising ground water; ground water infiltration to  
23 the storm system; foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems);  
24 crawl space pumps; air conditioning and swamp cooler condensation; springs; non-commercial  
25 washing of vehicles; natural riparian habitat or wetland flows; firefighting activities; or any other  
26 water source not containing pollutants, provided that NDEP has not determined the source to be a  
27 substantial contributors of pollutants.

28                 (2) Dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one mg/L chlorine),

1 provided that a suitable connection to the sanitary sewer is not available, as determined by the  
2 Director, and permission to discharge swimming pool water into the storm system has first been  
3 obtained from the Director.

4 (3) Discharges specified by NDEP as being necessary to protect public  
5 health and safety.

6 (4) Dye testing, provided that notification, either verbal or written, is given  
7 to the Director prior to the time of the testing.

8 (B) It is unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged into any  
9 surface waters within the City any pollutant, without first obtaining from NDEP an NPDES permit  
10 authorizing the discharge, when such a permit is required by the Act.

11 (C) It is unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged into the  
12 storm system any non-stormwater that would cause a violation of the City's NPDES stormwater  
13 permit.

14 SECTION 9: (A) The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of  
15 illicit connections to the storm system is prohibited, which expressly includes, without limitation,  
16 illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law  
17 or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.

18 (B) A person is considered to be in violation of this Chapter if the person connects  
19 a line conveying sewage to the storm system, or allows such a connection to continue.

20 (C) It is unlawful for any person to remove any manhole cover, or to discharge or  
21 cause to be discharged any stormwater or non-stormwater directly into a manhole or other opening in  
22 the storm system that has not been authorized for stormwater discharge, unless such discharge is  
23 approved by the Director. The Director may require a written application by the person and the  
24 payment of the applicable fees and charges that have been established by the City Council pursuant  
25 to Section 21 of this Ordinance.

26 SECTION 10: It is unlawful for any person to dispose of trash, construction debris, or  
27 industrial waste materials into the storm system, except as allowed by this Chapter or by the Director.

28 SECTION 11: (A) The Director shall have the full power and authority to

1 immediately and effectively halt or prevent, through whatever means and procedures are deemed  
2 reasonably necessary, and after informal notice to the discharger, any discharge of non-stormwater into  
3 the storm system which appears to present an imminent endangerment to the health or welfare of any  
4 person or the environment, or which discharge threatens property or the proper operation of the storm  
5 system, or which places or threatens to place the City in violation of its NPDES stormwater permit.  
6 In implementing such measure or measures, the personnel of the City, any party with which the City  
7 has contracted for such purpose, or a duly authorized representative of any other government agency  
8 shall have immediate access to the premises on which such condition exists. The Director may  
9 prohibit the approach to such premises by any person, vehicle, vessel or thing, and all persons who  
10 are not actually employed in the abatement of such condition or in the preservation of life or property  
11 on, or in the vicinity of, such premises may be excluded from such premises. The affected person or  
12 persons shall have the opportunity to respond, after the fact, to any action taken pursuant to this  
13 Section by requesting a hearing in the manner that is set forth in Subsection (E) of this Section.

14 (B) Any person who is notified of action pursuant to Subsection (A) of this Section  
15 (a "storm system access suspension") shall immediately cease and desist the discharge of all  
16 non-stormwater from its facilities into the storm system.

17 (C) If a person fails to comply voluntarily with a storm system access suspension  
18 order, the Director may take such action as may be reasonably necessary in order to ensure immediate  
19 compliance with such order, including without limitation the immediate blockage or the disconnection  
20 of the person's connection to the storm system.

21 (D) In addition, the Director, in the event of any violation of this Chapter by any  
22 person, may serve such person with a notice of an intended order of storm system access suspension,  
23 which notice states the reasons therefor, notifies the person of the opportunity for a hearing with  
24 respect thereto and establishes the proposed effective date of the intended order.

25 (E) Any person who has been notified of a storm system access suspension under  
26 this Section may file with the Director a request for a hearing with respect thereto; provided, however,  
27 that the filing of such a request shall not stay the existing or proposed storm system access suspension.

28 (F) If a hearing is requested with respect to an existing or proposed storm system

1 access suspension, the Director shall hold a hearing with respect to such storm system access  
2 suspension within fourteen days after receipt of the request. Within two working days following the  
3 close of the hearing, the Director shall make a determination concerning whether to affirm, to  
4 terminate or conditionally to terminate the storm system access suspension. Reasonable notice of the  
5 hearing shall be given to such person no less than five working days prior to the date of the hearing.

6 (G) The Director may terminate a storm system access suspension under this  
7 Section upon proof of the compliance by the person with applicable requirements, which compliance  
8 ends the emergency nature of the hazard that had caused the Director to initiate the storm system  
9 access suspension; provided, however, that the Director must be satisfied that the person will  
10 henceforth comply with all of the discharge requirements that are set forth in this Chapter, the City's  
11 rules and regulations that relate to the discharge of stormwater, and any lawful order that is issued  
12 pursuant to this Chapter.

13 SECTION 12: Any person who is required by the Act to obtain an NPDES permit for  
14 stormwater associated with industrial activity or an NPDES permit for stormwater associated with  
15 construction activity shall obtain such permit within the time allowed by the Act. Proof of having  
16 obtained such permit may be required in a form acceptable to the Director.

17 SECTION 13: (A) Whenever it is necessary to make an inspection to monitor or  
18 enforce any of the provisions of, or to perform any duty imposed by, this Chapter, or whenever the  
19 Director has reasonable cause to believe that there exists upon any premises any violation of the  
20 provisions of this Chapter or any condition which makes such premises hazardous, unsafe or  
21 dangerous, the Director is authorized to enter such premises at all reasonable times and inspect the  
22 same and perform any duty that is imposed upon the Director by this Chapter, subject to the following  
23 conditions:

24 (1) If the premises are occupied, the Director shall first present proper  
25 credentials to the occupant and request entry after explaining the reasons therefor and the purpose of  
26 the inspection; or

27 (2) If the premises are unoccupied, the Director shall first make a reasonable  
28 effort to locate the owner or other person who has the care or control of such premises and request

1 entry after explaining the reasons therefor and the purpose of the inspection. If such entry is refused  
2 or cannot be obtained because the owner or other person who has the care or control of such premises  
3 cannot be found after due diligence, the Director may have recourse to every remedy that is provided  
4 by law to effect lawful entry and to inspect such premises.

5 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (A) of this Section, if the Director  
6 has reasonable cause to believe that non-stormwater discharge conditions on or emanating from the  
7 premises are so hazardous, unsafe or dangerous as to require immediate inspection and action in order  
8 to safeguard the public health or safety, the Director shall have the right immediately to enter and  
9 inspect such premises and may use any reasonable means that may be required in order to effect such  
10 entry and make such inspection, whether the premises are occupied or unoccupied and whether or not  
11 formal permission to enter and inspect has been obtained.

12 (C) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse, after a proper demand has  
13 been made upon that person in accordance with Subsection (B) of this Section, promptly to permit the  
14 Director to enter such premises and to make any inspection that is provided for by Subsection (B).  
15 In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed upon any person who violates this Subsection  
16 (C), such person's storm system access may be suspended as provided for in Section 11 of this  
17 Ordinance.

18 (D) Any person subject to this Chapter shall consent and agree to the entry at all  
19 reasonable times by the Director or designated personnel upon the premises that are described in such  
20 permit for any of the following purposes:

21 (1) To inspect all areas of the person's facilities that have the potential to  
22 influence the characteristics of the non-stormwater that is, or may be, discharged to the storm system;

23 (2) To inspect, sample and take flow measurements of the discharge from  
24 such person's facilities and to examine records in the performance of the Director's authorized duties;

25 (3) To set up on such person's property such devices as may be necessary  
26 or appropriate in order to conduct sampling, inspections, compliance monitoring, flow measuring or  
27 metering operations, or any combination thereof;

28 (4) To inspect and copy any record, report, test result or other information

1 that is required to carry out the provisions of this Chapter; and

2 (5) To photograph or otherwise create a record of any waste, waste  
3 container, vehicle, waste treatment process, discharge location or violation that is discovered during  
4 any such inspection.

5 (E) If a person has instituted security measures that require proper identification  
6 and clearance before entry upon its premises, such person shall make all arrangements with its security  
7 guards that may be necessary in order that, upon presentation of their credentials, the duly designated  
8 personnel of the City shall be permitted to enter upon the premises without delay for the purpose of  
9 performing their authorized duties.

10 SECTION 14: (A) For any construction, commercial or industrial site, the Director  
11 may require BMPs that reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. These  
12 BMPs shall be consistent with applicable local guidance documents developed to implement this  
13 Section. BMPs that are consistent with the applicable local guidance documents shall be deemed in  
14 compliance with this Section. These BMPs shall be installed and maintained at the sole expense of  
15 the owner or operator.

16 (1) The Director may require the owner or operator of any construction,  
17 commercial or industrial site to submit a written plan for BMPs before commencement of construction  
18 or operation of the site, or at any time thereafter. The Director may require any person who proposes  
19 development or significant redevelopment to submit a written plan for BMPs, and for the operation  
20 and maintenance of any BMP. Any such plan is subject to approval by the Director, and shall be  
21 maintained at the same site for which it was written and be available for inspection during normal  
22 business hours.

23 (2) Compliance with all terms and conditions of a valid NPDES stormwater  
24 permit authorizing the discharge of stormwater to the storm system shall be deemed in compliance  
25 with the provisions of this Section.

26 (B) If the Director determines that existing BMPs do not reduce the discharge of  
27 pollutants to the maximum extent practicable, the Director may require additional BMPs to satisfy the  
28 provisions of Subsection (A) of this Section.

1 (C) The Director may require secondary containment for any hazardous substance  
2 when the Director determines that the substance has the potential to enter the storm system illicitly.  
3 Such secondary containment shall be provided and maintained at the sole cost and expense of the  
4 person responsible for the substance.

5 SECTION 15: Notwithstanding any other requirement of law, as soon as any person  
6 responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response related thereto, has  
7 information regarding any known or suspected release of non-stormwater at or from that facility or  
8 operation, where such release is not authorized by this Chapter, the person shall take all necessary  
9 steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such release. In the event of a release that  
10 is in excess of a Federally-reportable quantity, the person shall immediately notify the Director and  
11 emergency response agencies of the occurrence by calling 911. In the event of any non-hazardous  
12 release, the person shall notify the Director no later than the next business day. If the release emanates  
13 from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also  
14 retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such  
15 records shall be retained for at least three years.

16 SECTION 16: (A) The Director may rely on any appropriate evidence to determine  
17 noncompliance with this Chapter.

18 (B) In the case of noncompliance with this Chapter, the Director may proceed with  
19 any one or more of the following actions:

- 20 (1) Issue a notice of violation;
- 21 (2) Assess noncompliance fees;
- 22 (3) Revoke City permits, licenses and agreements pertaining to work on the  
23 premises;
- 24 (4) Issue a cease and desist order requiring any person who caused or is  
25 responsible for the release to cease the release within a specified time;
- 26 (5) Issue a cleanup and abatement order requiring any such person to clean  
27 up and abate the release within a specified time;
- 28 (6) Cause the release to be cleaned up and abated, and thereafter recover

1 the costs thereof from the person or persons who are responsible for the release; or

2 (7) Take any other action as provided for in any provision of the Chapter.

3 (C) The payment of noncompliance fees shall not preclude the Director from  
4 undertaking any other enforcement procedure that is specified in this Chapter.

5 SECTION 17: (A) Any person who is affected by any decision, action or  
6 determination made by the Director in the interpretation or the implementation of the provisions of  
7 this Chapter may file with the Director a written request for the reconsideration of such decision,  
8 action or determination. The person requesting reconsideration must file the request within thirty days  
9 after receipt of notice of the decision, action or determination, and must set forth in detail the facts that  
10 support the request for reconsideration. Such facts must include a statement that sets forth any newly  
11 discovered relevant fact that was not known or was unavailable to the person requesting  
12 reconsideration at the time of the initial decision, action or determination. The Director shall render  
13 a written decision with respect to the request within thirty days after receipt thereof.

14 (B) Each request for reconsideration shall be accompanied by the fee, if any, that  
15 has been established by the City Council, pursuant to Section 21 of this Ordinance, for the filing of  
16 such a request. Any such fee may, in the sole discretion of the Director, be refunded if the Director's  
17 ruling with respect to such request is in favor of the person who made the request.

18 (C) If the ruling of the Director with respect to a request for reconsideration is  
19 unacceptable to the person who made such request, the person may, within ten working days after the  
20 date of its receipt of the notification of the Director's ruling, file a written appeal to the City Council.

21 (D) Each appeal shall be accompanied by the fee, if any, that has been established  
22 by the City Council, pursuant to Section 21 of this Ordinance, for the filing of an appeal. Any such  
23 fee may, in the sole discretion of the City Council, be refunded if the City Council's ruling with  
24 respect to such appeal is in favor of the person who filed the appeal.

25 (E) The appeal shall be heard by the City Council within forty-five days after the  
26 date on which the appeal was filed, and the City Council shall make a final ruling with respect to the  
27 appeal within forty-five days after the hearing is concluded.

28 SECTION 18: (A) In the event of any violation of any provision of this Chapter for

1 which the Director is authorized by this Section to issue a compliance order, the Director is authorized  
2 to commence a civil action against the person or persons responsible for the violation. The action may  
3 seek all appropriate relief, including without limitation civil penalties or a temporary and permanent  
4 injunction against the perpetuation of such violation, or both, or to impose administrative penalties  
5 for the violation in accordance with Sections 19 and 21 of this Ordinance.

6 (B) A person may be held liable for civil penalties pursuant to Subsection (A) of  
7 this Section for failure to comply with any provision of this Chapter.

8 (C) Before commencing a civil action against a person pursuant to this Section, the  
9 Director shall issue an order that requires the person to comply with this Chapter and advises the  
10 person that, upon failure to comply with the order, the Director is authorized to bring a civil action in  
11 accordance with this Section.

12 (D) Any compliance order which the Director issues pursuant to this Section shall  
13 be in writing and shall be served personally or by registered or certified mail that is addressed to the  
14 recipient's last known address, return receipt requested. The order shall state with reasonable  
15 specificity the nature of the violation in respect of which the order is issued and shall specify a period  
16 in which compliance therewith is required. The period for compliance shall not exceed thirty days,  
17 in the case of a violation of an interim compliance schedule or operation and maintenance  
18 requirement, and shall not exceed the period that the Director determines is reasonable, in the case of  
19 a violation of a final deadline. In determining the period for compliance, the Director shall consider  
20 the seriousness of the violation and any good faith effort on the part of the user or other person to  
21 comply with the applicable requirements.

22 (E) In any civil action that is brought by the Director for enforcement of the  
23 provisions of this Chapter, the Director shall seek the imposition of a civil penalty upon the person  
24 against whom the action is brought, consistent with the provisions of State law, in an amount that is  
25 not less than one thousand dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars for each day that each  
26 such violation continues. In determining the amount of a civil penalty that is to be imposed, following  
27 a finding by the court of liability, the court shall consider the circumstances, extent and gravity of the  
28 violation in respect of which the action is brought, the economic benefit, if any, that has inured to the

1 person as the result of the violation, any history of similar violations, the degree of culpability of the  
2 person, any good faith effort on the part of the person to comply with the applicable requirements, the  
3 potential economic impact of the penalty upon the person, and such other matters as justice may  
4 require.

5 (F) The civil and administrative penalties that are provided for in this Section and  
6 in Sections 19 and 21 of this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any criminal  
7 penalty that may be imposed for the violation that forms the subject matter of any such civil or  
8 administrative relief and in addition to, and not in substitution for the invocation of any of the  
9 provisions of this Chapter as the result of the violation.

10 SECTION 19: (A) Whenever, on the basis of the information that is available, the  
11 Director finds that any person is in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, the Director may  
12 assess an administrative penalty in an amount that is not less than five hundred dollars nor more than  
13 ten thousand dollars for each day that each such violation continues, unless a different administrative  
14 penalty for any of such violations is established in the schedule of fees and charges that has been  
15 established by the City Council pursuant to Section 21 of this Ordinance.

16 (B) Before assessing any administrative penalty pursuant to this Section, the  
17 Director shall give the person upon whom such penalty is to be imposed written notice of the proposed  
18 assessment and the opportunity to request, within thirty days after the date on which such notice is  
19 received by it, a hearing with respect to the proposed order of assessment.

20 (C) In determining the amount of any penalty assessed pursuant to this Section, the  
21 Director shall consider the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation in respect of  
22 which the penalty is proposed to be assessed; the economic benefit, if any, that has inured to the  
23 person as the result of such violation; any good faith effort on the part of the person to comply with  
24 the applicable requirements; the potential economic impact of the penalty upon the user or other  
25 person; any history of similar violations; the degree of culpability of the user or other person; and such  
26 other matters as justice may require.

27 (D) An order which imposes an administrative penalty pursuant to this Section shall  
28 become final:

1                   (1)     Thirty days after its issuance; or

2                   (2)     If a hearing has been requested pursuant to Subsection (B) of this  
3 Section, upon the Director's issuance of a decision following the hearing.

4                   (E)     The failure of a person to pay any administrative penalty that is imposed by the  
5 Director pursuant to this Section within thirty days after the imposition thereof shall be grounds for  
6 any remedy that is available under this Chapter for terminating the person's ability to discharge or  
7 cause to be discharged stormwater or non-stormwater from its facilities into the storm system.

8                   SECTION 20: Any fee, assessment or penalty that is imposed pursuant to this Chapter  
9 and that remains unpaid for a period that exceeds thirty days after the same became due shall, upon  
10 the expiration of such thirty-day period, constitute a perpetual lien on and against the premises which  
11 are subject to such fee, assessment or penalty as well as constituting a debt that is owing to the City  
12 by the person upon whom such fee, assessment or penalty is imposed and the owner of record of such  
13 premises, if such owner is someone other than the person. The City may bring a civil action in any  
14 court of competent jurisdiction to recover such fee, assessment or penalty, or any combination thereof,  
15 together with interest thereon, and may enforce such lien by recording a notice thereof with the County  
16 Recorder upon the expiration of such thirty-day period and foreclosing the same against the premises  
17 that are subject to such lien in the same manner as is provided by the laws of the State for the  
18 foreclosure of mechanics' liens.

19                   SECTION 21: (A)     In order to provide for the recovery by the City of its costs that  
20 are related to the discharge of stormwater, non-stormwater or pollutants into the storm system and for  
21 the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter, or both, the City Council shall establish a schedule  
22 of fees and charges. Such schedule, which shall be subject to periodic revision, may establish a  
23 specific amount for any fee, charge, assessment, penalty or other cost that is related to the discharge  
24 of stormwater, non-stormwater or pollutants to the storm system or the enforcement of the provisions  
25 of this Chapter, or both, including without limitation:

26                   (1)     Inspection fees;

27                   (2)     Application fees;

28                   (3)     Plan review fees;

- 1 (4) Monitoring fees;
- 2 (5) Administrative penalties;
- 3 (6) Fees for filing requests for reconsideration and appeals; and
- 4 (7) Other fees that the City Council deems appropriate.

5 (B) Except as may be otherwise provided in this Chapter, whenever any fee, charge,  
6 assessment or penalty that is required by this Chapter to be paid is based upon an estimated value or  
7 an estimated quantity, the Director shall make such determination in accordance with generally  
8 recognized practices.

9 SECTION 22: All fees, charges, assessments and penalties that are imposed pursuant  
10 to the provisions of this Chapter, or pursuant to the approved schedule of fees and charges that is  
11 established in accordance with Section 21 of this Ordinance, shall be due and payable upon delivery  
12 of notice thereof, or upon mailing such notice to the last known mailing address of the person or entity  
13 responsible for payment thereof. All such fees, charges, assessments and penalties shall be and  
14 become delinquent thirty days after delivery or mailing of the notice described above.

15 SECTION 23: The City shall keep a permanent and accurate account of all fees,  
16 charges, assessments and penalties that are received by it under this Chapter, which account shall  
17 include the name and address of each person who paid any such fee, charge, assessment or penalty or  
18 on whose behalf the same was paid, the date of such payment and amount thereof and the purpose for  
19 which the same was paid.

20 SECTION 24: Whenever a delinquency charge has not been specifically provided for  
21 in this Chapter, any fee, charge or assessment that becomes delinquent shall have added to it a basic  
22 delinquency charge that is equal to ten percent of the fee, charge or assessment that became  
23 delinquent, and thereafter an additional delinquency charge shall accrue on the total amount that is  
24 due, including the ten percent basic delinquency charge, at the rate of ten percent per month  
25 compounding, but the amount of the delinquent fee, charge or assessment, as increased by delinquency  
26 charges, shall not exceed twice the amount of the original fee, charge or assessment. In addition to  
27 the delinquency charges described in this Section, the City may also, as permitted by law, assess  
28 collection costs, including, without limitation, any attorneys' fees and court costs that the City may

1 incur in collecting the fee, charge or assessment and the delinquency charges.

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3 SECTION 25: Any action that is brought by the City for the purpose of collecting any  
4 fee, charge, assessment or penalty that is provided for in this Chapter may include a request for an  
5 injunction to prevent repeated and recurring violations of this Chapter.

6 SECTION 26: (A) Any person who does any of the following is guilty of a  
7 misdemeanor:

8 (1) Negligently or wilfully introduces or causes to be introduced into the  
9 storm system any non-stormwater which such person knew, or with the exercise of reasonable  
10 diligence would have known, could cause personal injury or property damage;

11 (2) Causes any violation of any condition of any permit that has been issued  
12 to the City pursuant to the Act, unless such action is necessary in order for the person to comply with  
13 all applicable Federal, State and local requirements or permits; or

14 (3) Knowingly makes a false statement, representation or certification of  
15 any material fact in any application, record, report, plan or other document that is filed or required to  
16 be maintained pursuant to this Chapter or who knowingly falsifies, tampers with or renders inaccurate  
17 any monitoring device or method that is required by this Chapter.

18 (B) Whenever in this Chapter any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be  
19 unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this Chapter the doing of any act is required  
20 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the  
21 doing of any such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a  
22 misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand  
23 dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine  
24 and imprisonment. Any day of any violation of this Chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

25 SECTION 27: Any person who discharges or causes to be discharged any  
26 non-stormwater into the storm system shall be liable to the City for all damages, cleanup costs,  
27 monitoring costs and other associated costs that result therefrom.

28 SECTION 28: In lieu of enforcement proceedings, penalties and remedies authorized

1 by this Chapter, the Director may impose upon a violator alternative compensatory actions, as  
2 determined by the Director.

3 SECTION 29: In addition to the enforcement processes and penalties provided, any  
4 condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter is a threat  
5 to public health, safety, and welfare, and is declared and deemed a nuisance. Such nuisance may be  
6 summarily abated or restored at the violator's expense, a civil action filed to abate, enjoin, or  
7 otherwise compel the cessation of such nuisance, or any combination thereof.

8 SECTION 30: The remedies listed in this Chapter are not exclusive of any other  
9 remedies available under any applicable Federal, state or local law, and it is within the discretion of  
10 the Director to seek cumulative remedies.

11 SECTION 31: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or  
12 phrase in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or  
13 ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or  
14 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the  
15 City of Las Vegas hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,  
16 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,  
17 subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional,  
18 invalid or ineffective.

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SECTION 32: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases, sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

APPROVED:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, 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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