BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
BILL NO. 2011-37
(Amends the business licensing provisions to adjust the regulatory and fee provisions that apply to certain professional businesses and employees of such businesses)

This business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of a proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2011-37, that will amend the business licensing provisions to adjust the regulatory and fee provisions that apply to certain professional businesses and employees of such businesses.

1. The following constitutes a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notice of the proposed ordinance was mailed to approximately 1900 licensees in the real estate and property management categories. Three responses were received objecting to the fee provisions of the bill. A favorable response was received from the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors

2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects:

The bill will require affirmative action on the part of certain professional businesses and professional employees to help facilitate proper licensing and the payment of license fees

Beneficial effects:

The ordinance is clarifying and will help with understanding and compliance. Additionally, some professional businesses will have a lower fee than exists currently

Direct effects:

See adverse and beneficial effects above

Indirect effects:

None identified

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the proposed rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:

Not applicable. The proposed ordinance will not increase fees and will decrease fees in some cases. The objection of some licensees to the fee provisions of the bill results from the fact that a good number of persons who should be licensed and should have been paying fees in the past have not come in for licensing and have not been paying fees. The clarifying language of the ordinance and the resulting enforcement hopefully will result in greater compliance, but the ordinance itself does not increase or impose fees that have not already been in effect

4. The governing body estimates the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the proposed rule is:

No additional cost

5. If the proposed rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount expected to be collected is:

Not applicable

6. If the proposed rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee will be used by the local government to:

Not applicable

7. If the proposed rule includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent that federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explains why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

Not applicable

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