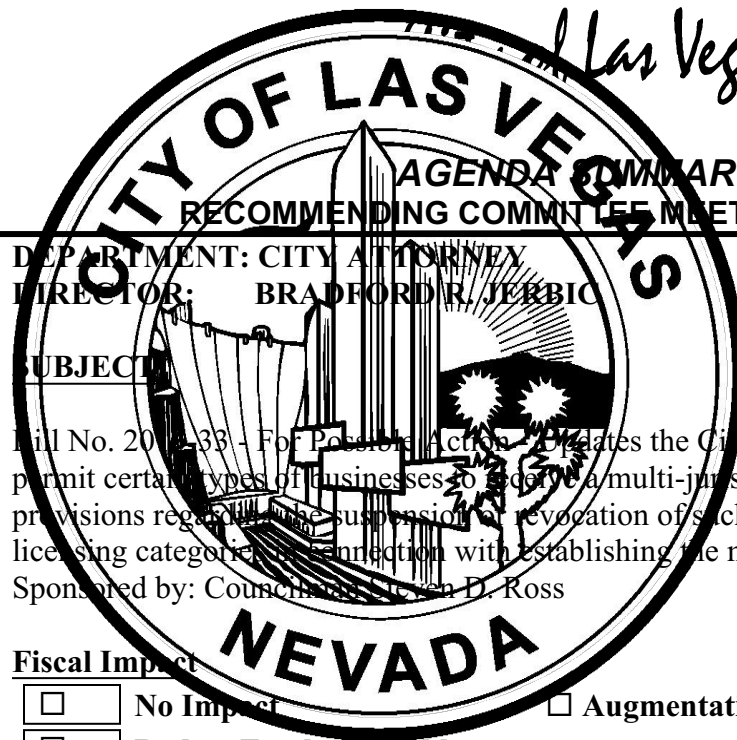




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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Bill No. 2013-33 - For Possible Action - Updates the City's business licensing provisions to permit certain types of businesses to receive a multi-jurisdictional business license, adopts provisions regarding the suspension or revocation of such a license, and consolidates certain licensing categories in connection with establishing the multi-jurisdictional business license. Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

Fiscal Impact:

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will update the City's business licensing provisions to permit certain types of businesses to receive a multi-jurisdictional business license, adopt provisions regarding the suspension or revocation of such a license, and consolidate certain licensing categories in connection with establishing the multi-jurisdictional business license.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2013-33

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as Do Pass as a First Amendment

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: COUNCILMAN ROSS announced that he was advised by counsel that his presence constitutes a quorum of the City Council, which would be in violation of the Open Meeting Law. He thanked MS. DUDDLESTEN and her staff for creating the ordinance.

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Minutes:

By way of reading the item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

KAREN DUDDLESTEN, Business Licensing Manager, stated that the proposed ordinance would further staff's efforts to promote multijurisdictional business licensing. Staff worked with other jurisdictions to create a residential property maintenance category, which for the City of Las Vegas combines several separate business licensing categories. Currently, several businesses have to get separate licenses for lawn and landscaping, tree trimming, sewer and septic cleaning and several gross fee category licenses that may or may not fit into this residential property maintenance. All jurisdictions have agreed on language on what residential property maintenance is and to create one category so that all businesses are moved to that category and to bring forward an interlocal agreement that would offer multijurisdictional licensing. Additionally, staff has been working with other cities and the County to provide two other categories that would offer regional licensing to professional offices. MS. DUDDLESTEN read an amendment to Page 8, Line 5-9 to combine the designer and the draftsman under Chapter 6.23 to create a broader category. She read the proposed language: "designer/draftsman, which is any person who specializes in the planning or execution of the layout, drawing or sketches of structures or interiors or furnishing for any interior structure, including advice or sales of decorative items, window and wall coverings or furnishings, but if not acting as an architect or registered interior, residential designer under NRS Chapter 6.23." This language would allow these individuals to get one license with the City of Las Vegas instead of two.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY verified with MS. DUDDLESTEN that this ordinance would require a business to obtain only one license and pay only one fee. This would allow for lawn maintenance businesses that provide tree trimming to obtain a property maintenance license that would allow home maintenance and not only landscaping. The other jurisdictions are doing this as well and the City's definition will specifically match with the Cities of Henderson and North Las Vegas; the County is still working on this ordinance to make sure they have construction clean-up separate in their code. The County needs to look at the difference between construction clean-up that would impact hauling and waste management versus construction clean-up of a house or a yard, which the City would include under property maintenance. The other jurisdictions have not moved forward with the professional and delivery license multijurisdictional language but are asking the other jurisdictions to consider it because those licenses could be managed effectively.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN asked if tree trimming is a skilled profession. MS. DUDDLESTEN replied that there are different tree trimmers and some of them physically remove trees or if using certain equipment, they are required to have a contractors license. Staff's investigation of other jurisdictions found that the City of Las Vegas was the only one that had a separate category

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for tree trimmers. The only requirement in the City's code was a bond for tree trimmers but in the future there will be no bond for tree trimmers. The State would require a bond if a contractor would be removing large trees for the potential of a tree falling on a house; the City is specifically talking about tree trimmers not something that would require the intervention through the state contractors board.

By way of reading the next item, COUNCILMAN FARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

