

**RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY TO DOGS' PAWS IN HOT WEATHER, TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR FOR DOGS WHEN THE AIR TEMPERATURE EXCEEDS 85 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, AND TO ENCOURAGE DOG OWNERS OR GUARDIANS TO TEST PAVEMENT TEMPERATURES PRIOR TO WALKING DOGS IN HOT WEATHER**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas experiences extreme heat during summer months; and

WHEREAS, when air temperatures exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit, surface temperatures of asphalt and concrete can exceed 130 degrees Fahrenheit; and

WHEREAS, veterinary experts confirm that dogs' paw pads are vulnerable to burns, blistering, and injury when exposed to hot surfaces for even short periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club and the American Veterinary Medical Association recommend the use of booties or other protective footwear when walking dogs in temperatures over 85 degrees Fahrenheit in order to reduce paw injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Animal Protection Services Division advises dog owners and guardians to avoid walking dogs on hot pavement; and to test surfaces with the back of the hand to determine whether the hand can be comfortably held on the surface for seven seconds; and

WHEREAS, if a person cannot comfortably hold his or her hand on a surface for seven seconds, that surface is too hot for a dog's paws and an injury resulting from walking a dog on such surface may constitute animal cruelty pursuant to the Las Vegas Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Las Vegas is committed to promoting animal welfare and responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Las Vegas finds it to be in the interest of animal welfare to formally support the use of a "seven-second test" to determine whether it is safe to walk a dog in hot temperatures and the use of booties or other protective footwear when walking dogs outside in temperatures exceeding 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

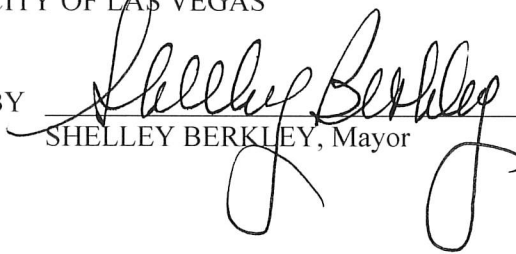
NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS:

1. To encourage all dog owners and guardians to perform a "seven-second test" by placing the back of

1 their hand on a surface for seven seconds to determine whether it is safe to walk a dog on such surface.  
2 2. To encourage all dog owners and guardians to refrain from walking dogs on paved surfaces when  
3 the air temperature exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit, unless the dog is equipped with booties or other protective  
4 footwear to prevent injury to the dog's paws as a result of contact with hot pavement.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

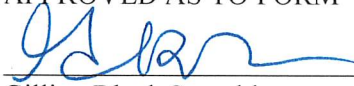
6 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

7 BY  \_\_\_\_\_  
8 SHELLEY BERKLEY, Mayor

9 ATTEST:

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11 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
City Clerk

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM

13  8/4/25  
14 Gillian Block Segerblom, Date  
Deputy City Attorney

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