

ORDINANCE NO. 631

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 54, Chapter 21, Code of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1949, also known as Ordinance No. 70, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

VAGRANCY - DEFINED

1. Every person without visible means of support, and who has the physical ability to work, and who does not seek employment, nor labor when employment is offered him; or
2. Every person who roams around from place to place without any lawful business in so doing; or
3. Every person who solicits alms as a business; or
4. Every person who makes a practice of going from house to house begging food, money, or other articles, or seeks admission to such houses upon frivolous pretexts for no other apparent motive than to see who may be therein, or to gain an insight of the premises; or
5. Every person or associate of known thieves, who wanders or prowls about the streets, alleys, or highways, or other dark or unfrequented places at any hour of the nighttime without any legitimate business in so doing; or
6. Every person who lodges in any barn, shed, shop, outhouse, or place other than that kept for lodging purposes, without the permission of the owner or persons entitled to the possession thereof; or
7. Every common prostitute; or
8. Every common drunkard who is in the habit of lying around the streets, alleys, sidewalks, saloons, barrooms or other public places in a state of intoxication; or
9. Every pimp, panderer, procurer or procuress; or
10. Every male person who is in and about a house of prostitution, or solicits for any prostitute or house of prostitution; or
11. Every idle, lewd, or dissolute person; or
12. Every female person known as a "streetwalker" or common prostitute who shall upon the public streets, or in or about any public place or assemblage, or in any saloon, barroom, clubroom, or any other public or general place or resort, or anywhere within the sight or hearing of ladies or children, conducts or behaves herself in an immodest, drunken, indecent, profane or obscene manner, either by actions, language or improper exposure of her person; or
13. Every woman who solicits men for immoral purposes; or
14. Every person who keeps a place where lost or stolen property is concealed; or

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15. Every person who solicits or procures, or who attempts to solicit or procure, money or other thing of value, by falsely pretending or representing himself to be blind, deaf, dumb, without arms or legs, or to be otherwise physically deficient or suffering any physical defect or infirmity; or

16. Every boy or male person over the age of 18 years, and under the age of 21 years, who habitually remains away from home or place of residence after the hour of 9:00 o'clock P.M. without some lawful necessary business, or other imperative duty, or good and sufficient reason or cause for such absence from home after such hour; or who for his own amusement and pastime without any legitimate business for so doing, frequents and passes his time in any saloon or other place where intoxicating liquor is sold or drunk; or, who at any hour of the night or day, for his own amusement and pastime, without any legitimate business for so doing, frequents or loafs around any low den, house, or other place of vice, infamy, or immorality, where known thieves and other vicious and infamous persons resort or congregate; or, who, at any hour of the night, either alone or otherwise, prowls about the streets of the city, disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by loud or unnecessary noise or committing petty depredations, tricks, or pranks, upon the person or property of other people, or by abusive, obscene, or insulting language, or by any other manner of rowdyism whatsoever, disturbs or annoys passers-by, any lawful assemblage of persons, or the neighborhood at large; or

17. Every person who annoys or molests any school child; or who loiters about within 400 feet of any school, or public place at or near which school children attend,

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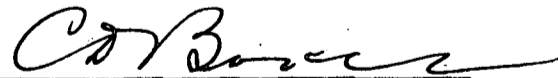
SECTION 2. Any violation of this ordinance, or any provision herein contained shall constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars, and/or six months in the City Jail, or a combination of both.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its final reading and adoption, and final publication as in the next section provided.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas shall cause this ordinance to be published once a week for two successive weeks immediately following its reading and adoption, in the Las Vegas Review Journal, a daily newspaper published in the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:




City Clerk

The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the Board of Commissioners on the 1st day of December, 1954, and referred to the following committee composed of Commissioners Jarrett and Sharp for recommendation; thereafter said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 2nd day of February, 1955, which was the regular meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 1955, and at said regular meeting held on said day, the proposed ordinance was read in full to the Board of Commissioners as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

Voting "Aye", Commissioners Jarrett, Sharp, Whipple and Mayor Baker

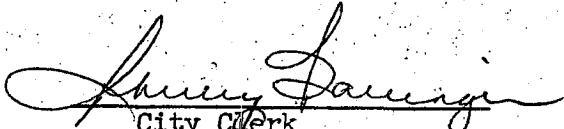
Voting "Nay", None Absent: Commissioner Jarrett *Bunker*

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STATE OF NEVADA, }
COUNTY OF CLARK } ss.

A. F. Schellack

being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is Foreman of the LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL, a daily newspaper, of general circulation, printed and published at Las Vegas, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the attached was continuously

published in said newspaper for a period of Two (2) insertions from February 7, 1955 to February 14, 1955

inclusive, being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates, to-wit:

February 7, 14, 1955

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on each of the dates above named.

SIGNED

[Handwritten signature of A. F. Schellack]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 1955.

[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

My Commission Expires April 14, 1957.

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s/ C. D. BAKER,
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ Shirley Ballinger,
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Voting "Nay": None. Absent: Commissioner Bunker.

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Feb. 7, 1955.