

ORDINANCE NO. 1614

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5-23-1 "Escort Bureau" shall mean any business or agency, which, for a fee, commission, hire, reward or profit, furnishes, or offers to furnish escorts or persons who, for hire or reward, accompany others to or about social affairs, entertainments or places of amusement, or who consort with others, for hire or reward, about any place of public resort or within any private quarters.

5-23-2 No person shall conduct, manage or carry on any escort bureau without a license therefor from the Board of City Commissioners. No such license shall be issued by the Board except upon the verified application in writing of the applicant to be in control of, and responsible for, the operation and conduct of the business. The application shall be upon a form furnished by the Supervisor of Licenses and Revenue of the City of Las Vegas and shall set forth such information concerning the applicant and the proposed business as may be required by said application form and must be accompanied by a fee in the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars. Each license shall expire as now provided by the laws of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, and the license fee shall be One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per annum payable one-half (1/2) semi-annually. No license under this Ordinance shall be issued to, or in the name of, any organization, group, corporation, partnership, or any other entity than an individual person; but the business may be advertised and carried on by the licensee under a fictitious name in the manner permitted by law, provided such fictitious name is first approved by the Board of City Commissioners.

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any change in personnel; all such escorts shall be registered by the Police Department of the City of Las Vegas as provided in Chapter 27 of the Las Vegas City Code and Ordinance 462 of the City of Las Vegas and any amendments thereto. No escort shall be registered unless there be furnished to the Police Department satisfactory evidence of the good moral character of such escort. Each registered escort, upon change of address, shall renew, within twenty-four (24) hours, his or her registration card with the Police Department. No escort shall be eligible for registration unless the age of twenty-one (21) has been obtained. The registration of any escort may be cancelled for cause by the Board and thereafter no escort bureau shall employ, engage, or deal with such escort.

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amendments provided, upon any of the following grounds:

1. That the licensee has, in the course of the business, committed, or caused, permitted, encouraged or condoned the commission of, any act in violation of this Ordinance, or any lewd and immoral act, or any act of prostitution;
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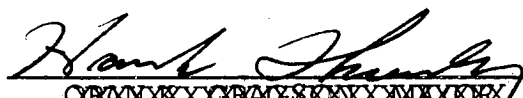
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SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, sections, subsections, phrases sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1960 Edition, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 1973.

APPROVED:


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HANK THORNLEY, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


Edwina M. Cole, City Clerk

The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the Board of Commissioners on the ~~Morelli~~ 17th of Jan., 1973, and referred to the following Committee composed of Commissioners Morelli and Thornley for recommendation; thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 21st day of February, 1973, which was a regular meeting of said Board; that at said regular meeting the proposed ordinance was read by title to the Board of Commissioners as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

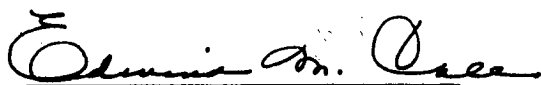
VOTING "AYE": Commissioners Franklin, Morelli, Coblentz and Mayor Pro Tem Thornley

VOTING "NAY" : None ABSENT: Mayor Gragson (excused)

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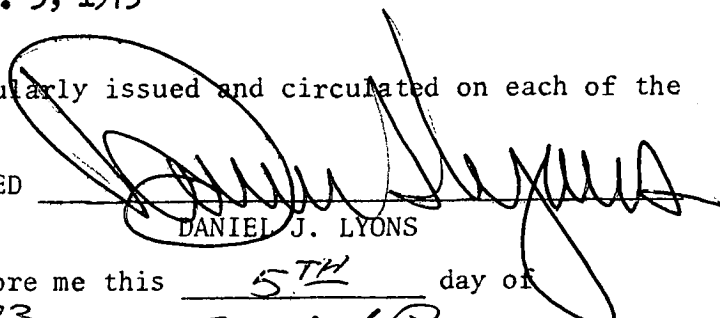
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STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF CLARK) SS

Daniel J. Lyons being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Business Manager for the LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL, a daily newspaper 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 insertions from period of Feb. 24, 1973 to Mar. 3, 1973 inclusive, being the issue of said newspaper for the following dates, to wit:

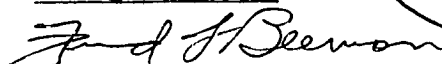
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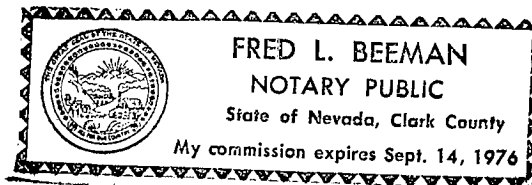
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on each of the dates above named.

SIGNED


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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5TH day of MARCH, 1973.


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