

ORDINANCE NO. 585

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SALE OF PISTOLS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS; TO PROVIDE SAFEGUARDS IN THE SALE THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PISTOLS; DEFINING PISTOLS; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 579 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, certain individuals within the City of Las Vegas have found the present regulations no barrier to obtaining fire-arms not for peaceful pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the ability of undesirable individuals to obtain firearms has resulted in unfortunate occurrences and acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas deem it expedient and necessary for the protection of safety, life and welfare and the preservation of peace and good order to restrict the sale of pistols within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, being a dealer at retail or in the pawnshop business to sell, give away, lend, exchange, or otherwise dispose of or transfer within the City, or for any person to purchase, borrow, accept as a gift or exchange, or otherwise receive or take from such dealer or pawnship, any pistol or revolver or automatic pistol or firearm whatsoever, capable of being concealed on the person, except as authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term pistol shall mean any small firearm fired by hand, capable of being concealed upon the person. The term shall include all small firearms with a barrel or barrels not exceeding 12 inches in length or an overall length of 17 inches, including revolvers, automatics, derringers and like discharging ball or similar ammunition and usually called pistols.

SECTION 3. No person, firm, corporation, association, or other, shall be authorized to buy and sell pistols, whether at wholesale, or retail until they shall have received a special permit from the Board of Commissioners to deal in pistols. Any person desiring such special permit shall first apply to the Board of Commissioners setting out his name, address and the business (other than dealing in pistols) intended to be carried on, and stating a request for a special permit to deal in pistols at such place. The Board of Commissioners, after considering same, in any manner that may appear to them proper, may approve or disapprove such application. If disapproved, then no special permit shall be issued such applicant for the sale of pistols. If approved, the City Clerk shall issue a special permit to such person to sell pistols at the place named and under the present business license of such person. This section shall apply to hardware stores, gunsmith shops, pawnshops, and all other places where pistols are kept for sale.

SECTION 4. From and after the adoption of this ordinance, sales of pistols shall be made within the City of Las Vegas only by persons licensed in accordance with Sections 1 and 3 of this ordinance and such sales or purchases shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (1) No person under the legal voting age shall purchase a pistol and no person shall transfer or sell any pistol to anyone under legal voting age.
- (2) No pistol which has the identifying numbers removed shall be sold or purchased.
- (3) All secondhand or used pistols, except antique pieces, sold or purchased, shall be in a first class safety condition.

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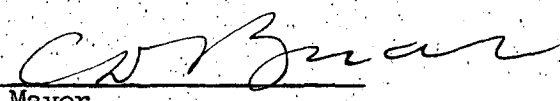
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Voting "Aye": Commissioners Bunker, Sharp, and Whipple and His Honor Mayor Baker

Voting "Nay": Commissioner Jarrett

Absent : None

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEVADA,
COUNTY OF CLARK

ss.

A. F. Schellack

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 10, 1954 to February 17, 1954

inclusive, being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates, to-wit:
February 10, 17, 1954

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

SIGNED

A. F. Schellack

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February, 1954

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

My Commission Expires April 14, 1954.

For sale.

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- (4) No homemade pistols shall be bought or sold.
- (5) No pistol of foreign make shall be sold with ammunition for the same, unless the said ammunition is expressly made for said pistol.
- (6) No sale or purchase of a pistol as defined by this ordinance shall be knowingly made to any person who has been convicted of a felony in the State of Nevada, or in any one of the states of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or to any foreign born person not a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, or any state thereof, or to any person of an unsound mind.
- (7) No pistols shall be displayed in any store or business window.

SECTION 5. Upon the sale of a pistol, under the provisions of this ordinance, the dealer or other person making said sale, shall within twenty-four (24) hours, notify the Chief of Police of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, in writing, of such sale, giving the name of the purchaser or transferee together with the number of said pistol and a complete description thereof; and shall notify the purchaser or transferee that said pistol must be registered with the said Chief of Police.

SECTION 6. Any person receiving title to a pistol as defined by this ordinance whether by purchase, gift, or any other transfer shall within twenty-four (24) hours of such receipt, personally appear at the Police Station of the City of Las Vegas, together with said pistol for the purpose of registering the same with said officer. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to register said pistol, and he may and is authorized to co-operate in any manner he sees fit with other law enforcement agencies of the County or other cities in effecting registration of pistols, to the end that efficient registration will be secured at a minimum of cost and duplication.

SECTION 7. Any person within the City of Las Vegas owning a pistol as defined by this ordinance shall within thirty days after adoption of this ordinance register such pistol with the Chief of Police as provided herein.

SECTION 8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or imprisoned in the City Jail for not more than six (6) months, or by any combination of such fine or imprisonment.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Should any provision, clause or word or words of this ordinance be invalid, their invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not annul any other provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 first reading and adoption in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, a daily newspaper published in the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVED:
C. D. BAKER

Mayor

Attest:
SHIRLEY BALLINGER
City Clerk

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s/ C. D. Baker

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s/ Shirley Ballinger
City Clerk
Feb 10, 1954