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Sec. 1. ~~Any person~~ Persons within the limits of the City of Las Vegas, who have the physical ability to work, not having visible means of support, living idly, or who are found loitering or loafing about the streets, alleys or public places of said City, or who are found loafing or loitering habitually in or about dramshops, tippling houses, saloons, bar-rooms, <sup>road houses, night clubs,</sup> gambling houses, or places where gambling is carried on, or houses of ill fame or places resorted to by ~~persons~~ persons for purposes of prostitution or immoral purposes, shall be deemed disorderly persons, and upon conviction thereof before the Municipal Judge of said City, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding one hundred fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall interfere with, resist, molest or threaten to molest any officer of said City, in the exercise of his official duties, shall be liable to a fine in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or to imprisonment in the City Jail not more than three months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons escaping or attempting to escape from the City Jail shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed <sup>five</sup> ~~three~~ hundred ~~dollars~~ dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding ~~three~~ <sup>one</sup> hundred eighty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Sec. 5. Every person who wilfully and lewdly either: Exposes his person or the private parts thereof in any public place, or in any place where there are present other persons to be offended or annoyed thereby; or procures, counsels or assists any person to expose himself, or to take part in or make any exhibition of himself to public view, or to the view of any number of persons, such as is offensive to decency, or is adapted to excite vicious or lewd thoughts or acts; or, sings any lewd or obscene song, ballad or other words, in any public place, or in any place where there are persons present to be annoyed thereby, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding One Hundred Fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Sec. 6. Any person who appears in any public place in the City of Las Vegas in a disorderly condition or lies or sleeps on any street sidewalk, alley or other public place in the said city in a drunken or disorderly condition, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding one hundred Fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Sec. 8. Any prostitute, pimp, panderer or habitue of a place of prostitution or any person who solicits for a place of prostitution, who loiters or continues in or about any public place within the corporate limits of the City of Las Vegas, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Sec. 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of said Sections 7, 8 or 9 of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not to exceed three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding one hundred fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Common reputation for unchastity or prostitution and a common reputation of being a pimp, panderer or habitue attending upon or soliciting for prostitution, shall be prima facie evidence of guilt of any such person who may be arrested under the provisions of the three preceding sections.

Sec. 11. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having charge or control of any house, building, apartment, room or premises to rent or lease any such house, building, apartment, room or premises to any person or persons to be used as a place of prostitution or to knowingly suffer or permit any such house, building, apartment, room or premises to be used for prostitution or for immoral purposes or practices, and any such owner or person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be ~~fined~~ punished by a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail not exceeding one hundred eighty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1931, by the following vote: Commissioners Mundy, Jernan, His Honor the Mayor C. W. Craig voting aye. Noes, none. First reading September 29, 1931. Second and final reading 5<sup>th</sup> day October, 1931.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1931.  
C. W. Craig  
Mayor.

Attest:

Vickie Burns  
City Clerk.

(City Seal)

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**Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF NEVADA }  
County of Clark } ss.

C. P. SQUIRES, being duly sworn, disposes and says: That he is publisher of the LAS VEGAS AGE, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Las Vegas, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the attached

Ordinance No. 178 of the City of Las Vegas

was published in said newspaper for a period of one week

from October 7, 1931 to October 13, 1931 inclusive being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates to-wit:

Oct. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13, 1931

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on each of the dates above named. That the legal charge for publishing the same was \$ 128.35

Signed *C. P. Squires*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October 1931

*C. D. Treze*  
Notary Public in and for Clark County, Nevada

My Commission Expires May 26, 1935.

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E. W. CRAGIN,

Mayor of the City of Las Vegas.

Attest:

Viola Burns, City Clerk.

(City Seal).

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