

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO 247

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE WASTE OF WATER: DEFINING WASTE OF WATER; REGULATING THE USE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; and REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is threatened with a water shortage on account of the diminishing supply flowing from the artesian wells in said City and on account of the present waste thereof by the inhabitants of said City; and

WHEREAS, the capacity of the sewer system of the City is overtaxed by reason of water wasting into the sewers without being put to a full beneficial use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners deem it expedient and necessary for the protection of health, comfort, safety, life, welfare and property of the inhabitants of said City to regulate the use of water therein and to prevent the waste thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. Waste of water in the City of Las Vegas is hereby prohibited and declared unlawful.

Section 2. Any one of the following acts shall constitute waste of water, as the term is used in this ordinance:

(a) Permitting a hydrant, tap, cock or valve connected with any water system belonging to any public utility, to leak onto the ground or into any sink, bowl, toilet or tub connected with a sewer or cesspool, or permitting water to drain from a person's premises into any street, alley or road, after the person permitting the same has been notified to remedy such leak or to prevent such draining by any public officer, or an agent of any public utility, as hereinafter defined;

(b) Using water from any water system belonging to any public utility for the purpose of cooling any refrigerator, refrigerating machine, ice plant, ice machine, cooler, cooling plant, cooling system, air conditioning machine or apparatus, engine or motor, where said water, after being so used, is permitted to flow into a sewer or cesspool or onto the ground, provided, however, that the use of water for such cooling purposes is not prohibited where, after being so used, it is collected, re-cooled and re-used, and is not permitted to flow into a sewer, cesspool, or onto the ground;

(c) Permitting water from any water system belonging to any public utility to flow from any hose, tap, valve, hydrant, pipe or cock directly into any sewer or cesspool for thirty minutes or longer without first putting such water to a beneficial use, and each thirty minutes such water is permitted to so flow shall constitute a separate offense.

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(d) Permitting water to leak from any water main in a water system belonging to any public utility for an unreasonable length of time.

Section 3. The term "public utility" as herein used shall mean and embrace all corporations, companies, individuals, associations, their lessees, trustees or receivers, that now or may hereafter own, operate or control any plant or equipment or any part of a plant or equipment within the City of Las Vegas for the production, delivery or furnishing for or to other persons, firms, associations or corporations, partly or wholly from an artesian well or wells, water for business, manufacturing, agricultural, domestic or household use.

Section 4. Any violation of this ordinance or any of the provisions thereof shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or by imprisonment in the City jail of Las Vegas for a period of not to exceed twenty-five (25) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance is declared and passed as an emergency ordinance, and shall take effect immediately after its passage and publication.

Section 7. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have this ordinance published in the Las Vegas Evening Review Journal, a daily newspaper published in the City of Las Vegas for a period of two weeks, that is to say: once each week.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time at a recessed regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas held on the 17 day of July 1939, and was passed as an emergency ordinance upon the second reading on said last mentioned date, on the following vote: Commissioners Bonnew - Gillett - Krause - Corraditti and his Honor the Mayor voting Aye. Noes, None.

Approved this 17 day of July, 1939.

John L. Russell
Mayor.

ATTEST:

Viola B. Burns
City Clerk

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STATE OF NEVADA, } ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK

Dick Lochrie

, being first duly sworn,

deposes and says: That he is foreman of the
LAS VEGAS EVENING REVIEW-JOURNAL, a daily newspaper, of gen-
eral 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 weeks

from July 18th 1939 to July 25th 1939

inclusive, being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates, to-wit:
July 18th-25th

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

Signed

Dick Lochrie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th
day of July 1939

W. H. Hallan
Notary Public in and for Clark County, Nevada

My Commission Expires

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Approved this 17th day of July, 1939.
JOHN L. RUSSELL,
Mayor.

ATTEST:
Viola Burns,
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(SEAL)
July 18th and 25th, 1939.