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STATE OF NEVADA }
COUNTY OF WASHOE } ss.

DOROTHY YOCOM

being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the legal clerk of THE RENO EVENING GAZETTE, a daily newspaper published at Reno, in Washoe County, in the State of Nevada.

That the notice..... COUNTY ORDINANCE

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of which a copy is hereto attached, was first published in said newspaper in its issue dated the ..30.. day of June, 19 71 and, the full period of days, the last publication thereof being in the issue dated the..... day of, 19.....

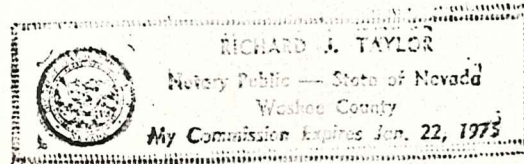
Signed *Dorothy Yocom*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

.....30..... day of June, 19 71

Richard J Taylor
Notary Public.

NOTICE OF COUNTY ORDINANCE
Notice is hereby given that an ordinance adopting the Uniform Building Code, 1970 Edition, Volume V, "Signs" providing for regulating the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification, and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building in the unincorporated area of Washoe County; providing for the administration thereof; the licensing of firms and individuals who construct and place advertising displays, the establishment and collection of fees; further providing for the violation thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto, has been filed in the office of the County Clerk for use and examination by the public; that adoption of said ordinance will be considered at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, July 15, 1971, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room No. 206, County Courthouse, Reno, Nevada.
H. K. BROWN, COUNTY CLERK
334900-Ord. June 30



SUMMARY: An Ordinance adopting a uniform code that provides for regulation and control of the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification, and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building in the unincorporated area of the County of Washoe.

BILL NO. 264

ORDINANCE NO. 181

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DESIGN, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION, LOCATION, ELECTRIFICATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL SIGNS AND SIGN STRUCTURES NOT LOCATED WITHIN A BUILDING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WASHOE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, THE LICENSING OF FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CONSTRUCT AND/OR PLACE ADVERTISING DISPLAYS, THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Washoe County Commissioners desire to adopt the 1970 Edition of the Uniform Building Code approved by the International Conference of Building Officials; and

WHEREAS, the 1970 Edition of said Uniform Building Code consists of several volumes, not all of which relate to the regulation of signs and sign structures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Washoe County Commissioners desire to clarify which volumes of the 1970 Edition of said Uniform Building Code apply to the regulation of signs or sign structures not located within a building in the unincorporated area of Washoe County and to repeal all other ordinances in conflict with the subject matter of the above.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1.

Uniform Building Code, 1970 Edition, Volume V, "Signs" and the provisions of Uniform Building Code, 1970 Edition, Volume I, referred to in said Volume V, approved and published by the International Conference of Building Officials, copies of which are placed on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Washoe County, Nevada, together with such changes as are necessary to make the same applicable to conditions in the County of Washoe and such other changes as are desirable, which changes are contained in that document marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto, shall be and hereby is adopted by reference, incorporated herein, and made a part hereof, and shall regulate all matters contained therein.

SECTION 2.

Ordinance No. 53 of the County of Washoe entitled "An Ordinance Regulating The Placement And Construction Of Outdoor Advertising Structures In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Washoe; Providing For The Administration Thereof, The Licensing Of Firms And Individuals Who Construct And/Or Place Advertising Displays, The

Establishment And Collection Of Fees; Further Providing For The Violation Thereof; And Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto," is repealed and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

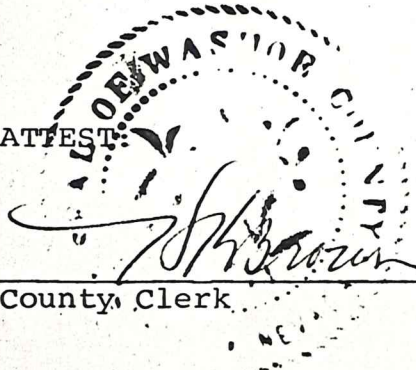
Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Uniform Building Code adopted by this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or a portion thereof during which a violation of any of the provisions of said code is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both fine and imprisonment.

Proposed on the 15th day of June, 1971.
Proposed by Commissioner McKissick.
Passed on the 15th day of July, 1971.

VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners: Pagni, Coppa, McKissick, Rusk and Nelson
Nayes: Commissioners: None
Absent: Commissioners: None

Roy Pagni
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

[Signature]
County Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 15th day of July, 1971.

EXHIBIT "A"

All references in Volume V of the Uniform Building Code, 1970 Edition, adopted by this Ordinance, to "City", "Municipality", and the like shall be construed to mean the County of Washoe. Where the word "Mayor" appears, it shall be construed to mean County Commissioners. The provisions of Volume V, Uniform Building Code, shall be modified as follows:

CHAPTER 1 - TITLE, SCOPE AND ENFORCEMENT.SEC. S-102.

The purpose of this Code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification, and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building.

No sign shall be erected in such a manner as to confuse or obstruct the view or interpretation of any official traffic sign, signal or device.

The regulations of this Code are not intended to permit any violation of the provisions of any other lawful Ordinance.

Existing advertising displays shall be made to conform to the structural regulations prescribed herein within six (6) months of the date of the adoption of this Code by the Board of Washoe County Commissioners.

No advertising display may be erected unless the name of the person owning or maintaining it is plainly displayed thereon. This identification tag or plate will not be a part of the main display.

SEC. S-103.

(a) Authority. The Building Official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this Code.

(b) Right of Entry. Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this Code, or whenever the Building Official or his authorized representative has reasonable cause to believe that there exists any sign or any condition which makes such sign unsafe, the Building Official or his authorized representative may enter the premises or buildings on which such sign is located at all reasonable times to inspect the sign or to perform any duty imposed upon the Building Official by this Code; provided that if such building or premises on which the sign is located be occupied, he shall first present proper credentials and demand entry; and if such building or premises be unoccupied, he shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other persons having charge or control of the building or premises and demand entry. If such entry is refused, the Building Official or his authorized representative shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.

No owner or occupant or any other person having charge, care or control of any building or premises shall fail or neglect, after proper demand is made as herein provided, to promptly permit entry therein by the Building Official or his authorized representative for the purpose of inspection and examination pursuant to this Code. Any person violating this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) Board of Appeals. In order to provide for reasonable interpretation of the provisions of this Code there is hereby established a Board of Appeals as provided in the Uniform Building Code.

The fee for application to the Board of Appeals shall be set at \$25.00.

(d) Violation and Penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, demolish, equip, use or maintain any sign or structure in the County, or cause or permit the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this Code.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this Code is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00, or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The owner of any sign as defined and regulated by this Ordinance, including support structures, shall keep the same in a safe condition at all times. If the Building Official shall find that any sign regulated herein is unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, or constitutes a public nuisance, he shall give written notice to the sign owner and/or the property owner. If such sign owner and/or property owner fails to remove or alter the advertising display so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within thirty (30) days after such notice, the Building Official may cause any sign which is in violation to be removed summarily and without further notice.

Any advertising display now, or hereafter existing, which is no longer advertising a bona fide business conducted or a product available for purchase by the public, shall be removed by the owner, agent, or persons having the beneficial use of the building or structure upon which such copy or message may be found within thirty (30) days after written notice from the Building Official or his authorized agent, and upon failure to comply with such notice within the time specified in such order, the Building Official is hereby authorized to cause removal of such copy or message and any expense incident thereto shall be paid by the owner of the building, sign or structure upon which such copy or message is displayed.

The cost of such work shall be paid from the repair and demolition fund, and may be made a special assessment against the property involved, and/or may be made a personal obligation of the property owner, as the County Commissioners shall determine.

(e) Stop Work Order. Whenever any structural work is being done contrary to the provisions of this Code, the Building Official may order the work stopped by posting a notice on the work being done. It shall be left to the discretion of the County Commissioners to stop or suspend any and all work of an unusual nature. Any such persons shall forthwith stop such work until authorized by the Building Official to proceed with the work. When work for which a permit is required by this Code is commenced prior to obtaining said permit, the fees specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed.

(f) The remedies provided in this Ordinance for the removal of illegal advertising displays or messages are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

CHAPTER 2 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

SEC. S-214.

SIGN is any medium including its structure and component parts, which is used or intended to be used to attract attention to the subject matter for advertising purposes other than paint on the surface of a building.

SIGN STRUCTURE is any structure which supports or is capable of supporting any sign as defined in this Code. A sign structure may be a single pole and may or may not be an integral part of the building.

STRUCTURE is that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts jointed together in some definite manner.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURE shall mean all signs or advertisement used as an outdoor display by painting, posting or affixing on a surface of pictures, emblems, words, figures, numbers or lettering for the purpose of making anything known the matter so advertised or displayed being remote from its point of sale.

SEC. S-218.

The Verb "TO PLACE" and any of its variants; as applied to advertising displays, include the maintaining and erecting, constructing, posting, tacking, painting, printing, nailing, gluing, sticking, carving or otherwise fastening, affixing, or making visible any advertising display on or to the ground or any tree, bush, rock, fence, post, wall, building, structure or thing.

SEC. S-219.

TWO-FACED SIGNS for the purpose of this Code shall mean any outdoor advertising display viewed from two directions. License fee for the above-mentioned signs shall be counted as one sign if only one business is advertised. If, on a two-faced sign, two separate businesses are being advertised, then, for the purpose of the outdoor license, they shall be counted as two signs.

CHAPTER 3 - PERMITS, FEES AND INSPECTIONS.SEC. S-302.

Application for a sign permit may be made in writing upon forms furnished by the Building Official. Such application shall contain the location by street and number of the proposed sign structure, as well as the name and address of the owner and the sign contractor or erector. The Building Official may require the filing of plans or other pertinent information where in his opinion such information is necessary to insure compliance with this Code. Standard plans may be filed with the Building Official.

The signature of the property owner may be required on the supplied forms, if so ordered by the Building Official.

Applicants for permits shall offer evidence that the proposed area of construction is properly zoned for the erection of advertising displays and not contrary to the provisions of Washoe County Ordinance No. 57. The applicant for a permit to erect an advertising display must also make known to the owner of the property to be used for the placement of the display that the owner shall be held responsible by the County of Washoe for the maintenance and repair of said outdoor advertising display.

All outdoor advertising displays shall contain the number address designated by the Building Official. The address numbers will be placed so as to be visible from the main traveled way.

SEC. S-303.

The following signs shall not require an annual license. These exemptions shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility of its erection and maintenance, and its compliance with the provisions of this Code or any other law or ordinance regulating the same.

1. The changing of the advertising copy or message on a painted or printed sign only. Except for theater marquees and similar signs specifically designed for the use of replaceable copy, electric signs shall not be included in this exemption.
2. Painting, repainting, or cleaning of an advertising structure or the changing of the advertising copy or message thereon shall not be considered an erection or alteration which requires sign permit unless a structural change is made.
3. Official notices by any court or public body or officer.
4. Directional, warning, or information signs or structures required by or authorized by law or by federal, state or county authority.
5. Notices used to display any person, place or thing related to a political election specifically identified as campaign signs.

(a) These signs must be removed not later than sixty (60) days after the election for which the signs were constructed or placed. Failure to comply with this section shall result in penalties under Section S-103.

6. Real estate signs in areas which advertise the sale, rental or lease of premises upon which said signs are located. These signs shall not contain more than 24 square feet of advertising area.

7. Professional name plates not exceeding two (2) square feet.

8. Bulletin boards not over fifty (50) square feet in area, for public, charitable, or religious institutions, when the same are located on premises of said institutions.

9. Wall signs permanently affixed to the building which identify the building, or business therein. These signs shall include all flat signs of solid face construction which are placed against a building or other structures and attached to the exterior front, rear, or side wall of any building, or other structure and shall be attached to the building walls by means of metal anchors, bolts, or expansion screws embedded in said wall.

10. One (1) free-standing, on-premises sign which shall designate the name of the owner or occupant of said premises or to identify such premises.

11. Revocable encroachment permit for any outdoor display subject to the approval of the County Engineer and the Building Official.

SEC. S-304.

A sign-permit fee and a plan-checking fee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule established by the legislative body. Permit fees shall be based on the following schedule:

Initial fee is an amount equal to the building permit fee prescribed by the Uniform Building Code of Washoe County as adopted by County Ordinance No. 83, plus 50 cents per advertising display per year.

All fees collected by the Building Official shall be deposited monthly with the Treasurer of Washoe County.

CHAPTER 15 - LOCATION, PLACEMENT AND POSITION.

SEC. S-1501.

No off-premise advertising display shall be placed in any of the following locations or positions:

1. Within the right-of-way of any highway, or within any distance from any primary or secondary highway as prohibited by state statute.

2. On any highways or roadways in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County, other than the following:

(a) U. S. Highway 40, U. S. Interstate 80, U. S. Highway 395; and any alternates of their routes: or Nevada State Routes 27 and 28, 34, 17, or by whatever names the above-mentioned highways or roadways shall become known at any time in the future.

(b) Such signs shall be separated by a distance of at least 750 feet along the same side of the road.

3. Within any E-1, E-2, R-1, R-4 or A-4 zone designated under the provisions of Washoe County Ordinance No. 57.

4. Within any stream or drainage channel where the advertising display might be deluged and swept under any highway structure or against any supports or any highway structure.

5. Within a distance of 300 feet parallel to the right-of-way line of highway or highway and railroad right-of-way lines.

6. So as to prevent a traveler on a highway from obtaining a clear view of approaching traffic for a distance of 500 feet.

CHAPTER 16 - PROHIBITED DISPLAYS.

SEC. S-1601.

The following displays are prohibited:

1. Imitations or simulations of any official directional, warning, danger, or informational signs permitted under the provisions of this Code.

2. Displays of any red or blinking or intermittent light likely to be mistaken for a warning or danger signal.

3. Illumination of such brilliance and/or position as to blind or impair the vision of travelers.

4. Displays containing statements, words or pictures of an obscene, indecent, or immoral character.

CHAPTER 17 - LICENSES.

SEC. S-1701.

All persons placing an advertising display under the provisions of this Ordinance with the exception of those in Chapter 3, Section S-303, shall first obtain a license from the Building Official. License fees shall be charged on the basis of the number of displays placed and/or maintained according to the following schedule. License fees shall be one (1) dollar for each sign.

A. Licenses shall be payable on a fiscal-year basis.

B. License fees are payable annually in advance on or before the first day of August of each year to the County of Washoe.

C. All licenses issued on or after the first day of July shall expire on the last day of June following the date of issue. Fees for original licenses issued after the first day of July of each year shall be apportioned and collected on the basis of one-fourth of the fee for each three months or part thereof remaining in the fiscal year.

D. Failure to renew an outdoor advertising license sixty (60) days after the date due shall result in a penalty of ten (10) dollars plus ten (10) dollars for each succeeding month until the fee is paid.

SEC. S-1702.

Licenses provided under the terms of this Ordinance shall carry an identification, such number to be inscribed on a plate to be issued by the Building Official.

A. Such number plates shall be securely fastened by the applicant to the advertising display to which it applies. This number plate must be fastened to the lower corner of the advertising display facing the traveled way. This plate shall be placed in such a manner to facilitate inspection by the Building Official.

B. The color of such number plates shall be changed annually.

C. Number plates shall be attached by the applicant to the advertising displays to which they apply within thirty (30) days after their issuance. Failure to place number plates within the prescribed time limit will result in a fine of five (5) dollars for each sign in violation.

ORDINANCE NO. 181

Amended by Ordinance No. 309, Bill No. 474, Item 76-582

Amended by Ordinance 400, Bill 568, Item 78-2096

Moratorium on granting building permits imposed until complete revision of sign code, by Ordinance 504 (Bill 675), effective 10-7-81, amendments not reflected in ordinance nor compiled.

Moratorium extended 120 days effective December 23, 1981, by Ordinance 524 (695).

REPEALED by Ordinance 536 (Bill 707), effective April 28, 1982.