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SS.

Doris Mertz

being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That as the legal clerk of the RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL, a daily newspaper published in Reno, Washoe County, State of Nevada, that the notice _____ of _____ County Ordinance _____

_____ of which a copy is hereto attached, was first published in said newspaper in its issue dated the 17th day of Feb, 19 86 and, Feb 24 _____, the full period of 2 days, the last publication thereof being in the issue of February 24 19 86.

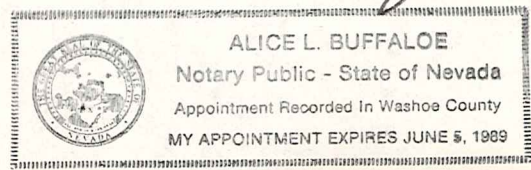
Signed

Doris Mertz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

24th day of February, 1986

Alice L. Buffalo
Notary Public



NOTICE OF COUNTY ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bill No. 853, Ordinance No. 679, entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter 105 of the Washoe County Code by adding provisions regulating signs," was adopted on February 11, 1986, by Commissioners King, Lillard, McDowell, Ritter and Williams. Typewritten copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection by all interested persons at the office of the County Clerk.

Judi Bailey
County Clerk

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Feb. 17, 24-bja133

SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Code by amending chapter 105.

BILL NO. 853

ORDINANCE NO. 679

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS REGULATING SIGNS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Chapter 105 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by adding new sections which shall read as follows:

105.480 Effect and Duration. Sections 105.480 through 105.500 are effective for 90 days. These sections supplement the preceding sections of this chapter and supersede any conflicting sections. These sections shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose of reducing the number and size of signs, and to effect the purpose of advancing the declaration of section 105.490. These sections apply to existing signs and to proposed signs. Proposed signs for which construction has not lawfully begun but for which an application has been made or for which a permit has been issued, must conform to these sections.

105.490 Purpose.

1. The board of county commissioners finds and declares that the purpose of these sections is to establish an emergency control of the erection and relocation of signs. It is intended that these regulations:

(a) Impose standards on the number, size, height and location of off-premise signs and facilitate the removal or replacement of nonessential or nonconforming signs in order to:

(1) Prevent and relieve needless distraction and clutter resulting from excessive and confusing sign displays;

(2) Safeguard and enhance property values; and

(3) Promote the public safety and general welfare.

(b) Provide one of the tools essential to the preservation and enhancement of the environment, thereby protecting an important aspect of the economy of the county which is instrumental in attracting those who come to live, visit, vacation and trade.

(c) Eliminate hazards to pedestrians and motorists brought about by distracting signs.

(d) Improve, enhance and preserve the appearance and other aesthetic qualities of the county.

(e) Maintain the status quo, except to the extent signs are permitted by this ordinance, pending the review and re-evaluation of sections 105.010 through 105.470 and pending board action on staff recommendations.

2. The board of county commissioners finds and declares that the types of signs for which a special use permit is required have a potential substantially greater than other types of signs for creating needless distraction and clutter, confusion and hazards, and for impairing and destroying property values and the appearance and aesthetic qualities of the area, and for adversely affecting the environment.

105.500 Additional restrictions for off-premise signs.

1. Notwithstanding any provision in sections 105.010 through 105.470 to the contrary, it is unlawful for any person to erect, enlarge, alter (except for normal maintenance and repair and except as provided in paragraphs 2 and 3) or relocate an off-premise sign:

(a) Without a special use permit reviewed by the planning commission;

(b) Within 50 feet of any on-premise sign;

(c) Within 1500 feet of any off-premise sign;

(d) Within 500 feet of a dwelling or property zoned for residential purposes;

(e) More than 300 feet from an existing commercial or industrial building having greater or equal value and having a single wall area of greater or equal area;

(f) Adjacent to Interstate 80 or 580 or U.S. 395;

(g) Having an area greater than 300 square feet; or

(h) Having a height greater than 30 feet.

2. In C-2 and M-1 zones a previously illuminated sign which was lawfully relocated as a result of right-of-way acquisition for the reconstruction and improvement to full freeway standards of a primary highway and which is now a nonconforming sign, may be illuminated, without a special use permit, to the same extent as it was illuminated before relocation.

3. In C-2 and M-1 zones an unilluminated sign which was lawfully constructed adjacent to an interstate highway, and which is now a nonconforming sign, may be illuminated under the conditions of a special use permit reviewed by the planning commission.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of ordinance 669.

Proposed on the 21ST day of JANUARY, 1986.

Proposed by Commissioners MCDOWELL.

Passed on the 11TH day of FEBRUARY, 1986.

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: LILLARD, MCDOWELL, KING, RITTER & WILLIAMS

Nays: Commissioners: NONE

Absent: Commissioners: NONE

ATTEST:


County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 1986.