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STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE

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NOTICE OF COUNTY ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bill No. 818, Ordinance No. 645, entitled "An ordinance amending the Washoe County Code by adding provisions regulating signs," was adopted on April 9, 1985, 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.

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	ly sworn, deposes and says: That as the legal clerk of AZETTE-JOURNAL, a daily newspaper published in
Reno, Washoe	e County, State of Nevada, that the noticeof City Ordinance
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ALICE L. BUFFALOE Notary Public - State of Nevada Washoe County My Appointment Expires June 5, 1985 SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Code by amending chapter 105.

BILL NO. <u>8/8</u>
ORDINANCE NO. 645

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

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS 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.

Section 105.480 through 105.510 are effective for 120 days following adoption. 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 on-premise and 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 esthetic qualities of the county.

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; prohibited locations, size.

1. An off-premise sign may not be erected or maintained:

(a) Within 1500 feet of a dwelling, a public park, a school or other public facility, a church, or the centerline of the Truckee River or any of its tributaries;

(b) Within 30 feet of the edge of the nearest street or

highway;

- (c) If on-premise signs having a combined area in excess of 200 square feet of display surface are or become located on the premises;
- (d) Adjacent to any primary, secondary or interstate highway, as designated by the Nevada Department of Transportation;

(e) Adjacent to McCarran Boulevard, Longley Lane or West

Fourth Street; or

- (f) On a premises not zoned C-2 or M-1 (the permitted zones) on the effective date of these sections, but which is zoned C-2 or M-1 after the effective date of these sections.
- 2. The height of an off-premise sign may not exceed 12 feet unless a special use permit is issued, in which case the height may be increased to no more than 20 feet.
- 3. The area of the sign, including all display surfaces, may not exceed 100 square feet.
- 4. Illumination is not allowed, unless a special use permit is issued, in which case illumination may not exceed 40 watts for each 4 square feet of area.

105.510 On-Premise sign regulations.

1. Definitions.

(a) On-premise sign defined. On-premise sign means a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment, attraction or interest of any person sold, offered or existing on the premises where the sign is located.

(b) The definitions of sections 105.010 through 105.340 apply to on-premise signs, except as provided in this

section.

2. The provisions of Chapter 105 apply to on-premise signs, except as provided in this section.

3. Wall signs are permitted if

(a) No part of the sign projects more than one foot from the wall and

- (b) The sign does not extend above the eaves of the roof .
- 4. Illumination is allowed without a special use permit if the sign:
 - (a) Is not visable from a residence or,
- (b) If visable, is more than 100 feet away from a dwelling and is not more than 12 feet in height.

Proposed on the g_{th} day of April , 1985. Proposed by Commissioners Williams Passed on the g_{th} day of April , 1985.

Vote:

Ayes:

Commissioners: King, Lillard, McDowell, Ritter, Williams

Nays:

Commissioners: None

Absent:

Commissioners: None

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 22nd day of April , 1985.