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

_____ ordinance 1045

of which a copy is hereto attached, has been
published in each regular and entire issue of
said newspaper on the following dates to wit:

Nov. 17, 24, 1998

Signed

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 11/24/98

Notary Public

[Signature]

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
WASHOE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 1045**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:
Bill No. 1221, Ordinance No. 1045
entitled
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAP-
TER 45 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY
CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS
CREATING A SENIOR SERVICES AD-
VISORY BOARD; DELINEATING
ADVISORY BOARD ROLE, DELINEAT-
ING PROGRAMS PROVIDING BY THE
SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT;
PROVIDING FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
OF INDIVIDUAL CLIENT INFORMA-
TION; ESTABLISHING AN APPEAL
PROCEDURE; AND OTHER MATTERS
PERTAINING THERETO
was adopted on November 10, 1998,
by Commissioners Joanne Bond, Sue
Camp, Jim Galloway, with Mike
Mouliot, and Jim Shaw, and will
become effective on Wednesday,
November 25, 1998.

Typewritten copies of the ordinance
are available for inspection by all
interested persons at the office of the
County Clerk, 75 Court Street, Reno,
Nevada.

BETTY J. LEWIS, Washoe County Clerk
No. 4720 Nov. 17, 24, 1998


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SUMMARY: Amends chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code by adding new sections creating a senior services advisory board, delineating advisory board role; delineating programs provided by the senior services department, providing for confidentiality of client information and establishing an appeal procedure.

BILL NO. 1221

ORDINANCE NO. 1045

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS CREATING A SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; DELINEATING ADVISORY BOARD ROLE; DELINEATING PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF INDIVIDUAL CLIENT INFORMATION; ESTABLISHING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE; AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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

Section 1. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by the addition of Sections 2 through 17 of this ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by the adding of a new section 45.415 to read as follows:

45.415 Advisory board; membership; appointment; qualifications; terms; compensation.

1. An advisory board shall be created to consist of not less than 7 nor more than 11 members.

2. Except as otherwise provided herein, any person appointed must be a resident of Washoe County and have an interest in civic affairs, including but not limited to an interest or experience in the fields of nutrition, geriatric social work, administration, finance, and law. Three appointments shall be made, one each, by the Reno City Council, Sparks City Council and Washoe County Commission from within their respective memberships.

3. Members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.

4. Advisory board members shall be appointed for a four year term and may serve, with reappointment, a maximum of two consecutive terms.

5. An advisory board member may be removed by the board of county commissioners for cause. For purposes of this section, "cause" includes three consecutive unexcused absences from advisory board meetings and the engaging in activities contrary to the mission, goals or objectives of the department.

6. Appointed advisory board members serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners.

Section 3. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by the adding of a new section 45.420 to read as follows:

45.420 Advisory board: Unlawful disclosure of information.

No member of the advisory board shall use or publicly disclose information concerning individual applicants for or recipients of senior services. Such use or disclosure is a misdemeanor.

Section 4. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by the adding of a new section 45.425 to read as follows:

45.425 Advisory board: Role. The advisory board shall provide assistance and make recommendations to the director, at minimum, in the following areas:

1. Development of long and short range departmental goals;
2. Recommending and evaluating programs and policies;
3. Reviewing the quality of departmental services provided;
4. Providing input to county manager regarding performance of director.
5. Providing technical assistance, as applicable;
6. Reviewing and making recommendations regarding the department's proposed budget;
7. Reviewing and providing input to director regarding community trends and needs.

Section 5. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by the adding of a new section 45.430 to read as follows:

45.430 Adult day health services/daybreak program. The department shall provide a therapeutic activity program for disabled adults and the elderly, as licensed by the state board of licensure and certification, to include:

1. Needs assessments;
2. Nursing services;
3. Rehabilitation services;
4. Psycho-social intervention services;
5. Nutrition services; and
6. Special activities.

Section 6. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.435 to read as follows:

45.435 Homemaker program. The department shall provide assistance to eligible seniors in the performance of housekeeping and daily living activities.

Section 7. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.440 to read as follows:

45.440 Legal program. The department shall provide a legal program for seniors to include legal assistance by qualified attorneys licensed to practice in the State of Nevada in the areas of government benefits and entitlements, lifetime planning issues, consumer matters, real property and housing matters, and elder law. Any attorney hired pursuant to this program must be full-time unless exempted, within the discretion of the director, to perform outside legal services not in conflict with or creating an appearance of conflict with the program goals.

Section 8. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.445 to read as follows:

45.445 Nutrition program. The department shall provide for the preparation, transport and provision of meals for eligible seniors at both the department facility and through home delivery.

Section 9. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.450 to read as follows:

45.450 Representative payee program. The department shall serve as representative payee for social security and social security disability benefits on behalf of eligible seniors. The department shall establish a trust fund for said purpose, receive and disburse funds, and account for said funds in accordance with federal regulations.

Section 10. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.455 to read as follows:

45.455 Social services program. The department, through social workers licensed by the state, shall provide support services to assist seniors in accessing or facilitating access to needed services, programs and benefits including, but not limited to, assessment/screening, advocacy, case management, outreach, information/referral, counseling and education.

Section 11. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.460 to read as follows:

45.460 Wellness program. The department may, at the discretion of the board of county commissioners, provide a program to include active and passive recreational and exercise activities designed for seniors.

Section 12. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.465 to read as follows:

45.465 Elibility for senior services. Those residents of Washoe County who are 60 years of age and older, without sufficient resources or income and meet the limitations imposed by the county upon income, assets and other resources may be eligible for certain senior services programs.

Section 13. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.470 to read as follows:

45.470 Facilities management. The department shall manage such senior facilities as needed to provide services to seniors and to serve as focal points for community resource information.

Section 14. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.475 to read as follows:

45.475 Regulations, guidelines and standards. The department may adopt regulations, guidelines and standards, and amend them as it may from time to time deem necessary, in order to effectuate the provisions of sections 45.400 to 45.490, inclusive. They shall be based upon the provisions of this ordinance, applicable local, state and federal laws, and the policies and standards as established and approved by the board of county commissioners.

Section 15. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.480 to read as follows:

45.480 Fingerprints and background information required. Every contract employee or employee who as part of his/her duties enters a client home shall submit to the sheriff upon request a:

1. Complete set of fingerprints and a written authorization for the sheriff to forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for its report; and
2. A written statement providing any background information requested by the sheriff, including any prior criminal conviction, to enable the sheriff to conduct an appropriate investigation.

Section 16. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.485 to read as follows:

45.485 Appeal of director decision. An appeal of a director's decision denying a request for service or privilege of the department facilities or programs may be made to and heard by the advisory board in accordance with procedures established by the director.

Section 17. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to add a new section 45.490 to read as follows:

45.490 Appeal to board of county commissioners. A decision of the advisory board under section 45.485 is final unless appealed to the board of county commissioners within 10 days of notification of the advisory board decision. An appeal before the board of county commissioners shall be on the record before the advisory board.

Proposed on the 20th day of October, 1998.
Proposed by Commissioner Jim Shaw.
Passed on the 10 day of November, 1998.

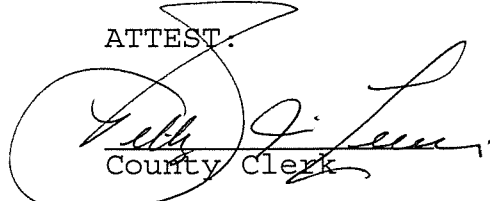
Vote:

Ayes: **Joanne Bond, Sue Camp, Jim Galloway,
Mike Mouliot, & Jim Shaw**

Nays:

Absent:


Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST.

County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 25th day of November, 1998.