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STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF WASHOE

ss Tana Ciccotti

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:

Ordinance 1162

has published in each regular and entire
issue of said newspaper on the following
dates to wit:

May 17, 24, 2002

Signed *Tana Ciccotti*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

JUN 03 2002

Sandra Taylor
Notary Public

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
WASHOE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 1162**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT: Bill No.1338, Ordinance
No. 1162 entitled

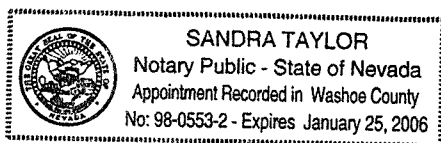
An Ordinance amending the
Washoe County Code by creat-
ing the Office of the Public
Guardian; providing for the
appointment to such office
and the duties and compensa-
tion thereof; providing other
matters properly relating
thereto.

was adopted on Tuesday, May
14, 2002 by Commissioners
Bond, Galloway, Sferazza,
Shaw and Short. This ordi-
nance shall be in full force and
effect from and after Friday,
May 24, 2002.

Typewritten copies of the ordi-
nance are available for inspec-
tion by all interested persons
at the office of the County
Clerk, 75 Court Street, Reno,
Nevada.

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County
Clerk and Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners
No. 1850 May 17,24, 2002

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SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Code by creating the Office of the Public Guardian

BILL NO. 1338

ORDINANCE NO. 1162

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO SUCH OFFICE AND THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION THEREOF; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this ordinance:

SECTION 2.

5.470 Office of the public guardian. There is hereby created, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 253.150, the office of Washoe County public guardian.

SECTION 3.

5.475. Public guardian: Appointment; compensation; powers.

1. The position of public guardian shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners at the recommendation of the county manager and shall serve for a term of four years from the date of appointment. Notwithstanding the term, the public guardian shall serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners.

2. The compensation to be paid to the public guardian shall be determined and fixed by the board of county commissioners.

3. Subject to prior approval of the board of county commissioners, the public guardian may appoint and employ assistants and other personnel as may be necessary for the proper administration of his office and performance and discharge of his duties.

4. Within the limits of appropriation by the board of county commissioners, the public guardian may contract for the services of consultants or assistants necessary for the performance and discharge of his duties.

5. The public guardian may charge his costs incurred in the appointment proceedings and his administrative costs for his services against the income or the estate of the ward.

SECTION 4.5.480 Bond of the public guardian.

1. Upon taking office, a public guardian shall file with the county clerk a general bond in an amount fixed by the board of county commissioners payable to the State of Nevada with sureties approved by the board of county commissioners.
2. The premium for the bond shall be paid from the general funds of the county and shall be conditioned upon the public guardian's faithful performance of his duties.
3. The general bond and oath of office of a public guardian are in lieu of the bonds and oath required of private guardians.

SECTION 5.5.485 Public guardian: Duties.

1. A person appointed as public guardian or designated as acting public guardian shall succeed immediately to all powers and duties of the individual guardianships created by appointments of the public guardian as guardian for particular wards.
2. In the administration of any guardianship to which the public guardian is appointed, the public guardian shall have all powers, duties, rights and responsibilities contained in Titles 12 and 13 of Nevada Revised Statutes.

SECTION 6.5.490 Retention of attorney.

1. A public guardian may retain an attorney to assist him when necessary for the proper administration of a guardianship.
2. The public guardian shall rotate this employment in successive guardianships among the attorneys practicing in the county who are qualified by experience and willing to serve.
3. The attorney's fees shall be paid from the assets of the ward.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

Proposed on the 23rd day of April, 2002.

Proposed by Commissioner Shaw.

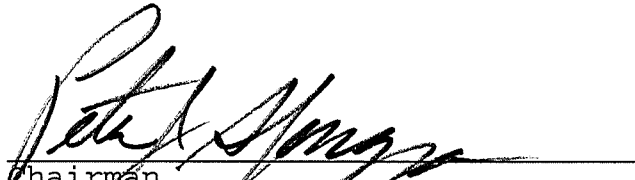
Passed on the 14th day of May, 2002.

Vote:

Ayes: **Bond, Galloway, Shaw, Short, Sferrazza**

Nays: **none**

Absent: **none**


Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:


County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 24th day of May, 2002.