

STAFF REPORT

Date: December 11, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Ordinance Introduction - Bill No. _____ (For Possible Action): Ordinance to repeal Title 8, Chapter 8.23 “Parks and Recreation,” Section 8.23.090 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Camping”; together with other matters properly relating thereto.

From: Brian Sooudi, Deputy City Attorney III

Department: City Attorney's Office

Summary:

Staff is recommending repeal of this ordinance because it is being replaced with the new Reno Municipal Code (RMC) of Title 8, Chapter 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace”, Section 8.12.011 entitled “Sitting, lying, sleeping, or camping on a public place including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, sensitive areas or within doorways prohibited.” The new law combines all ordinances related to “no camping”, including in a park, into one ordinance. Also, it eliminates the various definitions of camping within RMC and now there is one concise definition in one ordinance. Leaving this old law in RMC would create redundancy and confusion for the general public.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

The proposed ordinance pertains to repealing Reno Municipal Codes in Title 8, Chapter 8.23 “Parks and Recreation,” Section 8.23.090 entitled “Camping” due to the fact it is being replaced by a new ordinance in Title 8, Chapter 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace” Section 8.12.011 entitled “Sitting, lying, sleeping, or camping on a public place including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, sensitive areas or within doorways prohibited.” The new law addresses all the same issues of camping in City parks in one concise ordinance. The new law still bans camping in City parks and creates a consistent definition of what constitutes camping. Upon passage of the new law, this law becomes redundant in the Reno Municipal Code. Staff is recommending repeal of this ordinance to better assist the general public in understanding what is a violation of code and to eliminate any potential conflicts in the law.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council refer Bill No. _____ for a second reading and repeal.

Proposed Motion:

I move to refer Bill No. _____ for a second reading and repeal.

Attachments:

Title 8, Chapter 8.23, Camping in Park Repeal