

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 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace,” Section 8.12.012 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Prohibition Against Sitting or Lying in Doorways; Penalty,” and Title 8, Chapter 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace,” Section 8.12.015 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks in the Downtown Reno Regional Center” and Title 8, Chapter 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace,” Section 8.12.030 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Camping on Public Property in the Truckee River Corridor”; together with other matters properly relating thereto.

From: Brian Sooudi, Deputy City Attorney III

Department: City Attorney's Office

Summary:

Staff is recommending an ordinance to repeal portions of the Reno Municipal Code (RMC), as listed in the staff report title. These portions of the RMC are being replaced by the updated 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.” Leaving the old laws on the books 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 8.12 “Offenses Against Public Peace,” Sections 8.12.012 entitled “Prohibition Against Sitting or Lying in Doorways; Penalty,” 8.12.015 entitled “Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks in the Downtown Reno Regional Center” and 8.12.030 “Camping on Public Property in the Truckee River Corridor” due to the fact they are 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 in one concise ordinance. The new law still bans sitting in doorways, sitting or lying on public sidewalks and camping along the Truckee River. Upon passage of the new law these laws become redundant in the Reno Municipal Code. Staff is recommending repeal of these ordinances 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 8.12 Camping on Truckee River Repeal

Title 8, Chapter 8.12 Sitting or Lying Down on Doorways Repeal

Title 8, Chapter 8.12 Sitting or Lying Down on Sidewalks Repeal