

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** January 22, 2025

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Jackie Bryant, City Manager

**Subject:** Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 7288 (For Possible Action): An Ordinance to repeal Title 8, Chapter 8.23 Section 8.23.090 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Camping”; and other matters properly relating thereto.

**From:** Brian Sooudi, Deputy City Attorney

**Department:** City Attorney’s Office

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**Summary:**

Staff is recommending this ordinance repeal because it is being replaced with the new Reno Municipal Code 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.” Leaving the old laws on the books would create redundancy and confusion for the general public.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Public Safety

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

**Previous Council Action:**

December 11, 2024 - Council meeting, staff provided a presentation and ordinance repeals. Council referred the ordinance repeal.

**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 this issue 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 recommends repealing 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 adopt Bills No. 7288.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff the recommendation.

**Attachments:**

- Title 8, Chapter 8.23, Section 8.23.090 Repeal