

# RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Legal Advertising Dept. 702-788-6394

349008 Customer Account # PO #/ID #\*2061/1016

WASHOE COUNTY Comptroller's Office PO Box 11130 RENO NV 89510

Legal Ad Cost

41.68

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION WASHOE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO.1016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Bill No. 1192 Ordinance No. 1016 entitled

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY REVISING BY ADDING THEERETO PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE DEFACEMENT OF PROPERTY BY GRAFFIIT AND CREATING THE GRAFFITI REWARD AND ABATEMENT FUND.

was adopted on May 12, 1998, by Commissioners Joanne Bond, Sue Camp, Jim Galloway, Mike Mouliot, and Jim Shaw, and will become

effective on Friday, May 29, 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

JUDI BAILEY, Washoe County Clerk No.2061 May 19,26,1998

STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

ss. Tana Ciccotti

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

of ordinance:

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:

May 19, 26, 1998

Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/26/98

Notary Public

SANDRA TAYLOR Notary Public - State of Nevada Appointment Recorded in Washoe County

STAMP & SIGN FOR PAYMENT

P.O. BOX 22000. RENO. NEVADA 89520 (702) 788-6200

C) GANNETT

1016

No: 98-0553-2 - Expires January 27, 2002

SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Code by creating provisions prohibiting the defacement of property by graffiti.

BILL NO. <u>//92</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING THERETO PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE DEFACEMENT OF PROPERTY BY GRAFFITI AND CREATING THE GRAFFITI REWARD AND ABATEMENT FUND.

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. Chapter 50 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 through 6, inclusive, of this ordinance:

## SECTION 2.

50.260 "Graffiti" defined. "Graffiti" means any unauthorized inscription, word, figure, or design that is marked, etched, scratched, drawn, or painted on the public or private property, real or personal, of another, which defaces such property.

### SECTION 3.

50.262 <u>Defacing property unlawful</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to mark, etch, scratch, draw, or paint graffiti on the property of another.

### SECTION 4.

50.264 <u>Penalties.</u> Any person who violates the provisions of section 50.262 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in section 125.050.

## SECTION 5.

50.266 <u>Reward.</u>

- 1. If sufficient money is available in the graffiti reward and abatement fund, the sheriff may offer a reward, not to exceed \$1000, for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of a person who violates section 50.262.
- 2. The reward shall be paid out of the graffiti reward and abatement fund upon approval of the board of county commissioners.





#### SECTION 6.

50.270 Abatement.

1. Graffiti is unlawful and is a public nuisance.

2. Graffiti may be removed by any one or more of the following methods:

a. The person who applied the graffiti shall be responsible for the removal of the graffiti;

b. If the graffiti is applied by a juvenile, the parents or legal guardians of the juvenile shall be responsible for the removal of the graffiti;

c. The property owner or the owner's designated representative may remove the graffiti at the property owner's expense;

d. The sheriff is authorized to remove or repair defacement caused by the application of graffiti on any public building, wall, fence, or other structure or on any private building, wall, fence, or other structure where such graffiti is visible from any public right-of-way;

e. Removal or repair by the sheriff shall be at the expense of the county, provided that the property owner authorizes removal of the graffiti. The county shall utilize funds from the graffiti reward and abatement fund if available. The removal or repair work may be undertaken by volunteers or individuals required to perform community service or sentenced to perform labor by order of any court, under supervision of the sheriff;

f. If the owner of private property defaced by graffiti visible from any public right-of-way fails within 15 days after discovery or a reasonable time thereafter to remove the graffiti and fails or refuses to authorize the county to remove the graffiti, the district attorney or the board of county commissioners may act to abate the nuisance as provided by law, at the property owner's expense.

<u>SECTION 7.</u> Section 15.060 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.060 <u>Special revenue funds: Creation; purposes.</u>
Washoe County shall maintain the following special revenue funds:

1. Federal revenue sharing trust fund. This fund is created to comply with the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 and regulations promulgated thereunder to record all receipts of revenue sharing moneys. Disbursements shall be made from this fund to the funds that actually spend the money in accordance with the provisions of the federal law.





- 2. <u>Park, playground and recreation fund.</u> This fund is created by section 20.461 for the purposes stated therein. Expenditure of moneys in this fund is limited as prescribed in that section.
- 3. Medical assistance to indigent persons fund. This fund is created for the reimbursement of any unpaid charges for medical care furnished to an indigent person who falls sick in the county other than care furnished on account of an injury suffered in a motor vehicle accident.

All money collected pursuant to sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of chapter 629, Statutes of Nevada 1985, as well as any interest earned on the money in the fund, must be deposited for credit to the fund. Claims against the fund must be paid only on claims approved by the board of county commissioners. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the county general fund.

4. <u>Self-insurance fund</u>. This fund is created for the following purposes:

(a) To provide Washoe County with flexibility in designing and instituting internal insurance programs in order to maximize and stabilize coverages and reduce the effect of fluctuations in the insurance market.

(b) To provide a method of self-funding those programs in which annual insurance premium costs may exceed actual payment of claims.

(c) To purchase insurance when required by law or when it is deemed to be in the best interests of Washoe County to do so.

(d) To fund losses and to pay legal, investigative, administrative and developmental costs.

(e) Such other purposes as may be from time to time defined by the board of county commissioners.

5. At the beginning of each fiscal year, there shall be credited to the self-insurance fund an amount of money which equals the past fiscal year's interest yield from investment of the principal amount of the fund. The total amount credited shall be used for no other purposes but those specified in subsection 4.

6. Graffiti reward and abatement fund. This fund is created to comply with the provisions of NRS 244.3695 for





the purposes stated therein. Expenditure of moneys in this fund is limited as prescribed in that section.

Proposed on the	e <b>28TH</b> day of	APRIL	 1998.
Proposed by Con	nm <u>issio</u> ner	CAMP	
Passed on the 1	<b>12TH</b> day of	MAY	 1998.

Vote:

JOANNE BOND, SUE CAMP, JIM GALLOWAY, MIKE MOULIOT & JIM SHAW

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Chairman

Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

JUDI BALLEY, CLERK

Cover Jew Chief Deputy

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 29THday of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1998.