

Senate Bill No. 182–Committee on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the City of North Las Vegas; revising the method for calculating the fee charged to a user of water for the beautification of the city; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.280 of the charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 565, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2758, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.280 Powers of city council: Provision of utilities.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and section 2.285, the city council may:

(a) Provide, by contract, franchise and public enterprise, for any utility to be furnished to the city for residents located ~~either~~ within or without the city.

(b) Provide for the construction and maintenance of any facilities necessary for the provision of all such utilities.

(c) Prescribe, revise and collect rates, fees, tolls and charges for the services, facilities or commodities furnished by any municipally operated or municipally owned utility or undertaking. Notwithstanding any provision of this charter to the contrary or in conflict herewith, no rates, fees, tolls or charges for the services, facilities or commodities furnished by any municipally operated or municipally owned utility or undertaking may be prescribed, revised, amended or altered, increased or decreased, without this procedure first being followed:

(1) There must be filed with the city clerk schedules of rates, fees, tolls or charges which must be open to public inspection, showing all rates, fees, tolls or charges which the city has established and which are in force at the time for any service performed or product furnished in connection therewith by any utility controlled and operated by the city.

(2) No changes may be made in any schedule so filed with the city clerk except upon 30 days' notice to the inhabitants of the city and a public hearing held thereon. Notice of the proposed change or changes must be given by at least two publications in a newspaper published in the city during the 30-day period before the hearing thereon.

(3) At the time set for the hearing on the proposed change, any person may appear and be heard and offer any evidence in support of or against the proposed change.

(4) Every utility operated by the city shall furnish reasonably adequate service and facilities, and the charges made for any service rendered or to be rendered, or for any service in connection therewith or incidental thereto, must be just and reasonable.

(d) Provide, by ordinance, for an additional charge ~~to each customer~~ **for each housing unit** within the city to which water is provided by a utility of up to 25 cents per month. If such a charge is provided for, the city council shall, by ordinance, provide for the expenditure of that money for any purpose relating to the beautification of the city.

2. Any charges due for services, facilities or commodities furnished by the city or by any utility operated by the city pursuant to this section is a lien upon the property to which the service is rendered and must be perfected by filing with the county recorder of Clark County of a statement by the city clerk stating the amount due and unpaid and describing the property subject to the lien. Each such lien must:

(a) Be coequal with the latest lien thereon to secure the payment of general taxes.

(b) Not be subject to extinguishment by the sale of any property on account of the nonpayment of general taxes.

(c) Be prior and superior to all liens, claims, encumbrances and titles other than the liens of assessments and general taxes.

3. The city council:

(a) Shall not sell telecommunications service to the general public.

(b) May purchase or construct facilities for providing telecommunications that intersect with public rights of way if the governing body:

(1) Conducts a study to evaluate the costs and benefits associated with purchasing or constructing the facilities; and

(2) Determines from the results of the study that the purchase or construction is in the interest of the general public.

4. Any information relating to the study conducted pursuant to subsection 3 must be maintained by the city clerk and made available for public inspection during the business hours of the office of the city clerk.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 3, an airport may sell telecommunications service to the general public.

6. As used in this section:

(a) ***"Housing unit" means a:***

(1) Single-family dwelling;

(2) Townhouse, condominium or cooperative apartment;

(3) Unit in a multiple-family dwelling or apartment complex;

or

(4) Mobile home

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(b) “Telecommunications” has the meaning ascribed to it in 47 U.S.C. § 153(43), as that section existed on July 16, 1997.

~~(b)~~ (c) “Telecommunications service” has the meaning ascribed to it in 47 U.S.C. § 153(46), as that section existed on July 16, 1997.

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