

SENATE BILL NO. 71—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the amendment of city charters. (BDR 21-430)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to city charters; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the governing body of a charter city to amend the charter of the city; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law provides that a city charter may be amended by the Legislature or by the registered voters of the city pursuant to a petition of voters or the proposal of a majority of the city's governing body. (NRS 268.010) **Section 1** of this bill allows a city charter also to be amended by a two-thirds vote of the governing body of a city organized under a special charter if so provided in the charter. **Section 1** further requires that if a city has a charter committee: (1) the governing body of the city must first refer a proposed amendment to the city charter to the charter committee for consideration before taking any action on the proposed amendment; (2) the charter committee has 30 days after the date the proposed amendment is referred to approve or disapprove the proposed amendment and, if the charter committee does not vote to disapprove the proposed amendment within the 30 days, the governing body of the city may take action on the proposed amendment; and (3) a proposed amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the whole charter committee. In addition, **section 1** also requires the city clerk to transmit a certified copy of an amendment to a city charter to the Legislative Counsel within 30 days after it has been adopted by the governing body of a city. **Sections 2-32** of this bill make conforming changes to existing city charters.



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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 268.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     268.010 1. As used in this section, “city” means an  
3     incorporated city.

4     2. An amendment to the charter of a city may be:

5     (a) Made by the Legislature.

6     (b) Proposed and submitted to the registered voters of the city  
7     by a majority of the whole governing body, and must be so  
8     submitted by a petition signed by registered voters of the city equal  
9     to 15 percent or more of the voters who voted at the last preceding  
10    general city election, setting forth the proposed amendments.

11    (c) *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, made by the*  
12    *adoption of an ordinance by the governing body of a city*  
13    *organized under a special charter by a two-thirds vote of the whole*  
14    *governing body if provided for in the charter.*

15    3. An amendment proposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
16    subsection 2 must be submitted at the next primary or general city  
17    election or primary or general state election.

18    4. The city attorney shall draft any amendment proposed in the  
19    petition mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 and an  
20    explanation thereof for submission to the registered voters.

21    5. The petition must be filed with the city clerk. It must be in  
22    the form and its sufficiency must be determined in the manner  
23    provided for city initiative petitions.

24    6. When an amendment is adopted by the registered voters of  
25    the city ~~or~~ *or adopted by the governing body of the city*, the city  
26    clerk shall, within 30 days thereafter, transmit a certified copy of the  
27    amendment to the Legislative Counsel.

28    7. *If an amendment is proposed to be made pursuant to*  
29    *paragraph (c) of subsection 2 in a city with a charter committee:*

30    (a) *The proposed amendment must be referred to the charter*  
31    *committee for consideration and, except as otherwise provided in*  
32    *paragraph (b), must be approved by a majority vote of the whole*  
33    *charter committee before the governing body of the city may take*  
34    *any action on the proposed amendment.*

35    (b) *The charter committee must, within 30 days after the date*  
36    *the proposed amendment is referred by the governing body of the*  
37    *city, consider the proposed amendment. If, within 30 days after the*  
38    *date a proposed amendment is referred to a charter committee,*  
39    *the charter committee does not vote to disapprove the proposed*  
40    *amendment, the governing body of the city may take action on the*  
41    *proposed amendment.*



**Sec. 2.** Section 119 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 119. Amending the Charter.

1. An amendment to this Charter:

A. May be made by the Legislature directly by the use of mandatory specific wording or indirectly by the use of wording allowing flexibility in expressing the required change.

(1) If a statute is enacted which directly amends this Charter, such an amendment is not subject to public approval as provided in subsection B and must be included in the Charter and identified as having been amended by the particular statute involved.

(2) If a statute is enacted which requires that this Charter be amended but does not require the specific wording to be used, the City Council shall propose a suitable amendment to be submitted to the registered voters of the City as provided in subsection B. If such a proposed amendment is not adopted by the voters, it must be redrafted and resubmitted to the voters at one or more general city elections or general state elections until an amendment is adopted.

B. May be proposed by the City Council and submitted to the registered voters of the City at a general city election or general state election.

C. May be proposed by a petition signed by registered voters of the City equal in number to 15 percent or more of the voters who voted at the latest preceding general city election and submitted to registered voters of the City at the next general city election or general state election.

***D. May be made by the City Council by adopting an ordinance with a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council. Such an amendment is not required to be submitted to the registered voters of the City at a general city election or general state election.***

2. The City Attorney shall draft any amendment proposed pursuant to subsections A(2), ~~or~~ B ~~or~~ **or D**, or if such a proposed amendment has been previously drafted, the City Attorney shall review the previous draft and recommend to the Council any suggested changes or corrections.

3. The City Attorney shall, upon request, review any amendment intended to be proposed by petition pursuant to subsection C, make only such corrections as are agreed to by the proposers and report to the City Council his or her



analysis of the significance and potential effects of the proposed amendment.

4. A petition for amendment must be in the form specified by state law for city initiative petitions, and must be filed with the City Clerk not later than 6 months before the date of the general city election or general state election at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted to the voters of the City.

5. When an amendment is adopted by the registered voters of the City ~~or by the City Council~~, the City Clerk shall, within 30 days thereafter, transmit a certified copy of the amendment to the Legislative Counsel.

6. Any amendment to the Charter proposed under the provisions of this section shall be adopted by a simple majority of the voters casting ballots on that question at two consecutive general elections before any such amendment shall become effective. (Add. 25; Amd. 1; 6-3-2003)

**Sec. 3.** The Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 55, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.085 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.***

**Sec. 4.** Section 2.090 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 59, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.090 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , ***except as otherwise provided in section 2.085***, by a majority vote of the City Council. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The City Council of the City of Caliente does ordain:".

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing



it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

**Sec. 5.** The Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 603, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.095, immediately following section 2.090, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.095 Powers of Board of Council Members: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The Board of Council Members may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board of Council Members.***

**Sec. 6.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 607, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , ***except as otherwise provided in section 2.095,*** by a majority vote of the whole Board of Council Members. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The Board of Council Members of the City of Carlin does ordain:".

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

**Sec. 7.** The Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 287, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.095, immediately following section 2.090, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.095 Power of Board: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. Except as otherwise provided in section 2.115, the Board may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board.***

**Sec. 8.** The Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 287, is hereby amended by adding



thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.115, immediately following section 2.110, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.115 Charter Amendments: Enactment Procedure.***

***1. All proposed amendments to this Charter when first proposed by the Board pursuant to section 2.095 must be referred to the Charter Committee for consideration. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the proposed amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the whole Charter Committee before the Board may take any action on the amendment.***

***2. If, within 30 days after the date a proposed amendment is referred to the Charter Committee for consideration, the Charter Committee does not vote to disapprove the proposed amendment, the Board may take action on the proposed amendment pursuant to section 2.110.***

**Sec. 9.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 296, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , ***except as otherwise provided in section 2.095***, by a majority vote of the whole Board of Supervisors. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: “The Board of Supervisors of Carson City do ordain.”

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

**Sec. 10.** Section 2.110 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter 118, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 475, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.110 Ordinances: Enactment procedure; emergency ordinances.

1. All proposed ordinances when first proposed must be read to the Board by title, after which an adequate number of copies of the proposed ordinance must be filed with the Clerk



for public distribution. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, notice of the filing must be published once in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS and published in Carson City at least 10 days before the adoption of the ordinance. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.115, the* Board shall adopt or reject the ordinance or an amendment thereto, within 45 days after the date of publication.

2. ~~[At]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.115, at* a regular meeting or adjourned meeting of the Board following the proposal of an ordinance it must be read as first introduced, or as amended, and thereupon the proposed ordinance must be finally voted upon or action thereon postponed.

3. In cases of emergency or where the ordinance is of a kind specified in section 7.030, by unanimous consent of the Board, final action may be taken immediately or at a special meeting called for that purpose, and no notice of the filing of copies of the proposed ordinance with the Clerk need be published.

4. All ordinances must be signed by the Mayor, attested by the Clerk and published by title, together with the names of the Supervisors voting for or against passage, in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS and published in Carson City for at least one publication, before the ordinance becomes effective. The Board may, by majority vote, order the publication of the ordinance in full in lieu of publication by title only.

5. The Clerk shall record all ordinances in a book kept for that purpose together with the affidavits of publication by the publisher.

**Sec. 11.** The Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 474, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.095, immediately following section 2.090, to read as follows:

*Sec. 2.095 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.*

*1. The City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.*

*2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.*



**Sec. 12.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 51, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 452, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , *except as otherwise provided in section 2.095*, by a majority vote of the whole City Council. The style of all ordinances must be as follows: "The City Council of the City of Elko does ordain:".

2. An ordinance must not contain more than one subject, which must be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance must set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and must indicate matter to be omitted.

**Sec. 13.** The Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 402, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

*Sec. 2.085 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.*

1. *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105, the City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.*

2. *No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.*

**Sec. 14.** The Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 402, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.105, immediately following section 2.100, to read as follows:

*Sec. 2.105 Charter Amendments: Enactment Procedure.*

1. *All proposed amendments to this Charter when first proposed by the City Council pursuant to section 2.085 must be referred to the Charter Committee for consideration. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the proposed amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the whole Charter Committee before the City Council may take any action on the amendment.*

2. *If, within 30 days after the date a proposed amendment is referred to the Charter Committee for consideration, the Charter Committee does not vote to*





*disapprove the proposed amendment, the City Council may take action on the proposed amendment pursuant to section 2.100.*

**Sec. 15.** Section 2.090 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 406, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.090 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , *except as otherwise provided in section 2.085*, by a majority vote of the whole City Council. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The City Council of the City of Henderson does ordain:".

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

**Sec. 16.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1208, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Enactment procedure; emergency ordinances.

1. All proposed ordinances when first proposed must be read to the City Council by title and referred to a committee for consideration, after which an adequate number of copies of the proposed ordinance must be filed with the City Clerk for public distribution. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, notice of the filing must be published once in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS, and published in the City at least 10 days before the adoption of the ordinance. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105, the* City Council shall adopt or reject the ordinance or an amendment thereto, within 30 days after the date of publication.

2. ~~{At}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105, at* the next regular meeting or special meeting of the City Council following the proposal of an ordinance and its reference to committee, the committee shall report the ordinance back to the City Council. Thereafter, it must be



read by title only, and thereupon the proposed ordinance must be finally voted upon or action thereon postponed.

3. In cases of emergency or where the ordinance is of a kind specified in section 7.040, by unanimous consent of the City Council, final action may be taken immediately or at a special meeting called for that purpose, and no notice of the filing of the copies of the proposed ordinance with the City Clerk need be published.

4. All ordinances must be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and published at least once by title, together with the names of the Council Members voting for or against passage, in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS and published in the City, before the ordinance becomes effective. The City Council may, by majority vote, order the publication of the ordinance in full in lieu of publication by title only.

5. The City Clerk shall keep a record of all ordinances together with the affidavits of publication.

**Sec. 17.** The Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1391, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.095, immediately following section 2.090, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.095 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the entire City Council.***

**Sec. 18.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1396, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Adoption by bill; amendments; subject matter; title.

1. No ordinance may be adopted except by bill and , ***except as otherwise provided in section 2.095,*** by the majority vote of the entire City Council. The style of all ordinances must be as follows: "The City Council of the City of Las Vegas does ordain:".

2. No ordinance may contain more than one general subject matter and matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected with the general subject matter, and the subject must be briefly indicated in the title. If the subjects of the ordinance are not expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to those matters which are not expressed in the title.



3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance or an existing section or sections of a codification of ordinances must set out in full the ordinance or sections of the ordinance or the section or sections of the codification of ordinances which are to be amended and indicate any matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and any new matter by underscoring it or by italics.

**Sec. 19.** The Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1210, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.085 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.***

**Sec. 20.** Section 2.090 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1214, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.090 Ordinances: Amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. ~~[No]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in section 2.085, no*** ordinance may be passed except by a majority vote of the whole City Council. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The City Council of the City of North Las Vegas does ordain:".

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends or repeals an existing ordinance shall state the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended or repealed.

**Sec. 21.** The Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.085 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105, the City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.***



1     **Sec. 22.** The Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662,  
2 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1962, is hereby amended by  
3 adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.105,  
4 immediately following section 2.100, to read as follows:

5     *Sec. 2.105 Charter Amendments: Enactment*  
6     *Procedure.*

7     1. *All proposed amendments to this Charter when first*  
8 *proposed by the City Council pursuant to section 2.085 must*  
9 *be referred to the Charter Committee for consideration.*  
10 *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the proposed*  
11 *amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the*  
12 *whole Charter Committee before the City Council may take*  
13 *any action on the amendment.*

14     2. *If, within 30 days after the date a proposed*  
15 *amendment is referred to the Charter Committee for*  
16 *consideration, the Charter Committee does not vote to*  
17 *disapprove the proposed amendment, the City Council may*  
18 *take action on the proposed amendment pursuant to*  
19 *section 2.100.*

20     **Sec. 23.** Section 2.090 of the Charter of the City of Reno,  
21 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
22 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1821, is hereby  
23 amended to read as follows:

24     Sec. 2.090 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments;  
25 subject matter; title requirements.

26     1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and ,  
27 *except as otherwise provided in section 2.085,* by a majority  
28 vote of the City Council. The style of all ordinances must be  
29 as follows: "The City Council of the City of Reno does  
30 ordain:".

31     2. No ordinance may contain more than one general  
32 subject matter and matters which pertain to or are necessarily  
33 connected with the general subject matter, and the general  
34 subject must be briefly indicated in the title. Where the  
35 general subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the  
36 title, the ordinance is void.

37     3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance  
38 must set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be  
39 amended, and must indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing  
40 it in brackets and any new matter by underscoring or by  
41 italics.



**Sec. 24.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1822, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Enactment procedure; emergency ordinances.

1. All proposed ordinances when first proposed must be read to the City Council by title, after which an adequate number of copies of the proposed ordinance must be filed with the City Clerk for public distribution. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, notice of the filing must be published once in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS, and published in the City at least 10 days before the adoption of the ordinance. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105, the* City Council shall adopt or reject the ordinance, or an amendment thereto, within 45 days after the date of publication.

2. ~~At~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.105,* at the next regular meeting or adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held at least 10 days after the date of publication, the proposed ordinance must be returned to the City Council for consideration and possible adoption. At that meeting, the title of the proposed ordinance must be read as first proposed or as amended, and thereupon the proposed ordinance must be finally voted upon or action thereon postponed.

3. In cases of emergency or where the ordinance is of a kind specified in section 7.030, by unanimous consent of the City Council, final action may be taken immediately or at an emergency meeting called for that purpose, and no notice of the filing of the copies of the proposed ordinance with the City Clerk need be published.

4. All ordinances must be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and published by title, together with the names of the members of the City Council voting for or against passage, in a newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS, and published in the City for at least one publication, before the ordinance becomes effective. The City Council may, by majority vote, order the publication of the ordinance in full in lieu of publication by title only.

5. The City Clerk shall record all ordinances in a book kept for that purpose, together with the affidavits of publication by the publisher.



**Sec. 25.** The Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 724, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.065, immediately following section 2.060, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.065 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. Except as otherwise provided in section 2.085, the City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. An amendment to this Charter must not be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.***

**Sec. 26.** The Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 724, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.085 Charter Amendments: Enactment Procedure.***

***1. All proposed amendments to this Charter when first proposed by the City Council pursuant to section 2.065 must be referred to the Charter Committee for consideration. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the proposed amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the whole Charter Committee before the City Council may take any action on the amendment.***

***2. If, within 30 days after the date a proposed amendment is referred to the Charter Committee for consideration, the Charter Committee does not vote to disapprove the proposed amendment, the City Council may take action on the proposed amendment pursuant to section 2.080.***

**Sec. 27.** Section 2.070 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as amended by chapter 129, Statutes of Nevada 1993, at page 230, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2.070 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.**

**1. An ordinance must not be passed except by bill and , *except as otherwise provided in section 2.065*, by a majority vote of the whole City Council. The style of all ordinances must be as follows: "The City Council of the City of Sparks does ordain:".**

**2. A bill must not contain more than one subject, which must be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not expressed in the title, the bill is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.**



3. Any bill which amends an existing ordinance must:
  - (a) Set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended;
  - (b) Indicate any matter to be omitted by lining or striking through it; and
  - (c) Indicate any new matter by highlighting.

**Sec. 28.** Section 2.080 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by chapter 450, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 1314, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.080 Ordinances: Enactment procedure; emergency ordinances.

1. When first proposed, all bills must be read to the City Council by title, after which an adequate number of copies of the proposed bill must be filed with the City Clerk for public inspection. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, notice of the filing must be published once in a newspaper qualified to publish legal notices, and published at least 10 days before the adoption of the ordinance.

2. ~~At~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2.085,* at the next regular meeting or adjourned meeting of the City Council following the proposal of a bill, the title of the bill must be read as first introduced. Thereupon the bill must be finally voted upon or action thereon postponed. The proposed ordinance and any amendments thereto must be read in full when it is adopted only if so requested by a member of the Council.

3. In cases of emergency or where the bill is of a kind specified in section 7.030, by not less than four-fifths of all the members of the City Council, excluding from any such computation any vacancy on the Council, final action may be taken immediately or at a special meeting called for that purpose, and no notice of the filing of the copies of the proposed bill with the City Clerk need be published.

4. All ordinances must be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and published by title, together with the names of the members of the Council voting for or against passage, in a newspaper qualified to publish legal notices, and published for at least one publication, before the ordinance becomes effective. The City Council may, by majority vote, order the publication of the ordinance in full in lieu of publication by title only.

5. The City Clerk shall maintain a record of all ordinances together with the affidavits of publication by the publisher.





**Sec. 29.** The Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 457, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.095, immediately following section 2.090, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.095 Powers of Board of Council Members: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The Board of Council Members may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board of Council Members.***

**Sec. 30.** Section 2.100 of the Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 461, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments; subject matter; title requirements.

1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and , ***except as otherwise provided in section 2.095,*** by a majority vote of the whole Board of Council Members. The style of all ordinances shall be as follows: "The Board of Council Members of the City of Wells does ordain:".

2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance or sections thereof to be amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

**Sec. 31.** The Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 901, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 2.085, immediately following section 2.080, to read as follows:

***Sec. 2.085 Powers of City Council: Amendments to City Charter.***

***1. The City Council may make amendments to this Charter by adopting an ordinance.***

***2. No amendment to this Charter may be passed except by a two-thirds vote of the whole City Council.***





1     **Sec. 32.** Section 2.090 of the Charter of the City of Yerington,  
2 being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 905, is hereby  
3 amended to read as follows:

4             Sec. 2.090 Ordinances: Passage by bill; amendments;  
5 subject matter; title requirements.

6             1. No ordinance may be passed except by bill and ,  
7 *except as otherwise provided in section 2.085*, by a majority  
8 vote of the whole City Council. The style of all ordinances  
9 shall be as follows: “The City Council of the City of  
10 Yerington do ordain:”.

11            2. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject,  
12 which shall be briefly indicated in the title. Where the subject  
13 of the ordinance is not so expressed in the title, the ordinance  
14 is void as to the matter not expressed in the title.

