

1 **BILL NO. 2024-11**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LVMC TITLE 10 TO ADD PROVISIONS TO GENERALLY PROHIBIT  
4 THE OUTDOOR RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH A GAS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND  
TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Sponsored by: Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune

Summary: Amends LVMC Title 10 to add  
6 provisions to generally prohibit the outdoor  
7 release of balloons inflated with a gas lighter than  
8 air.

8 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS  
9 FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1: Title 10 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
11 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, designated as Chapter 94 and consisting of  
12 Sections 10 and 20 thereof, reading as follows:

13 **10.94.010:** It is unlawful for a person to intentionally release, organize the release of, or otherwise cause  
14 or allow the release of a balloon inflated with a gas that is lighter than air, except for:

15 (A) A balloon released for scientific or meteorological purposes, on behalf of a governmental  
16 agency or pursuant to a governmental contract;

17 (B) A hot air balloon that is recovered after launching;

18 (C) A balloon to which is affixed an object of sufficient weight to counter the lift capability of  
19 the balloon; or

20 (D) A balloon that is released and remains indoors.

21 **10.94.020:** A violation of LVMC 10.94.010 is a civil infraction. The code enforcement function of the  
22 City may proceed by means of a civil proceeding in accordance with the provisions of  
23 LVMC 6.02.400 to 6.02.460, inclusive. In the case of such a civil proceeding:

24 (A) Any reference in LVMC 6.02.400 to 6.02.460, inclusive, to the "Department" or "Business  
25 Licensing Division" or "Director" shall pertain to the code enforcement function or its manager, as the case  
26 may be.

1 (B) In lieu of the schedule of fines set forth in LVMC 6.02.460, the applicable civil fines are as  
2 follows:

3 (1) For a first offense or a subsequent offense not addressed in Paragraph (2) below, two  
4 hundred fifty dollars.

5 (2) For a subsequent offense within a twelve-month period, five hundred dollars.

6 SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
7 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by  
8 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the  
9 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby  
10 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
11 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,  
12 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

13 SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,  
14 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
15 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

16 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

17 APPROVED:

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19 By \_\_\_\_\_  
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

20 ATTEST:

21 \_\_\_\_\_  
22 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
City Clerk

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

24 Val Steed 4-16-24  
25 Val Steed, Date  
Deputy City Attorney

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day  
2 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and referred to a committee for recommendation, the committee being  
3 composed of the following members \_\_\_\_\_;  
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
5 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, which was a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of said Council; that at said  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as first  
7 introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": \_\_\_\_\_

9 VOTING "NAY": \_\_\_\_\_

10 ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

11 APPROVED:

12 By \_\_\_\_\_  
13 CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

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16 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
17 City Clerk  
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