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July 17, 2024
9:00 AM

50. Bill No. 2024-22 - Adopts prohibitions and limitations regarding the purchase of scrap metal, consistent with and supplementary to State law on the subject. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

Minutes:

First Reading – Referred – COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN and ALLEN-PALENSKE

8/5/2024 Recommending Committee

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City Council
Meeting of: July 17, 2024

Agenda Item No.:
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DEPARTMENT: City Attorney
DIRECTOR: Jeff Dorocak

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:
NEW BILLS:

Bill No. 2024-22 - Adopts prohibitions and limitations regarding the purchase of scrap metal, consistent with and supplementary to State law on the subject. Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will adopt prohibitions and limitations regarding the purchase of scrap metal, consistent with and supplementary to State law on the subject. Existing State law and City ordinances have not been as effective as hoped in addressing the theft of copper wire from public and private facilities. This proposal will build on existing law, with the focus on the purchase of scrap metal, whether by licensed dealers/recyclers or those not licensed to engage in that activity. The additional requirements regarding documentation and payment are intended to discourage illegal activity and facilitate enforcement, while helping to preserve and protect facilities that rely on copper wire.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2024-22

1 **BILL NO. 2024-22**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT PROHIBITIONS AND LIMITATIONS REGARDING THE PURCHASE
4 OF SCRAP METAL, CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO STATE LAW ON THE
SUBJECT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Sponsored by: Councilman Brian Knudsen

Summary: Adopts prohibitions and limitations
regarding the purchase of scrap metal, consistent
with and supplementary to State law on the
subject.

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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 10.93 and consisting of
12 Sections 10.93.010 to 10.93.030, inclusive, reading as follows:

13 **10.93.010:** In addition to and independent of the provisions of State law on this subject:

14 (A) It is unlawful for any person to purchase scrap metal unless the scrap metal has been
15 transported to the purchaser by means of a motor vehicle, and not by means of a shopping cart or on a walk-
16 up basis.

17 (B) It is unlawful for any person to purchase scrap metal in the form of metallic wire that has
18 been burned in whole or in part to remove insulation unless the purchaser:

19 (1) Obtains from the seller written evidence identifying the seller and documenting that
20 the wire was lawfully acquired and burned; and

21 (2) Complies with the documentation and retention requirements of NRS 647.030 and
22 647.035 that pertain to the purchase of burned metallic wire.

23 (C) It is unlawful for any person to purchase scrap metal unless:

24 (1) Payment is made either by check or electronic transfer of money; and

25 (2) Such payment is not mailed, delivered or electronically transmitted sooner than ten
26 days after the purchase transaction.

1 (D) For any payment made by check under Subsection (C) to a seller who represents a business,
2 the check must be made payable to the business using the name of the business.

3 (E) For purposes of this Section, "scrap metal" has the meaning ascribed to that term in
4 NRS 647.017. The term includes without limitation what is often referred to as "seven strand utility wire."

5 **10.93.020:** The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
6 Department, officers and employees of the Department of Community Development, and any other officer
7 or employee designated by the City Manager.

8 **10.93.030:** (A) A violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor. The minimum fine for a first violation
9 is five hundred dollars. For a subsequent violation, the fine is one thousand dollars.

10 (B) As an alternative to a criminal prosecution under this Chapter, the Department of
11 Community Development may proceed by means of a civil proceeding in accordance with the provisions of
12 LVMC 6.02.400 to 6.02.460, inclusive. In the case of a civil proceeding regarding such a violation, in lieu of
13 the schedule of fines set forth in LVMC 6.02.460, the applicable civil is five hundred dollars for a first
14 violation, and one thousand dollars for a subsequent violation.

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

22 SECTION 3: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to
23 be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is required
24 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the doing of
25 such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon
26 conviction thereof, shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 1, be punished by a fine of not more than

1 \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine
2 and imprisonment. Any day of any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

3 SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
4 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983
5 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

6 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

7 APPROVED:

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9 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

10 ATTEST:

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12 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

14 Val Steed 6-25-24
15 Val Steed, Date
Deputy City Attorney

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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:

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13 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

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16 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

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