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BILL NO. 2-20-24-3

SUMMARY - An Ordinance to amend Clark County Code Title by adopting a new Chapter 9.08 to create the office of sustainability and establish its functions and responsibilities, assign the department of environment and sustainability as administrator, and establish county department sustainability responsibilities.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(of Clark County, Nevada)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CLARK COUNTY CODE BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 9.08 TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ESTABLISH ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; DELEGATE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY; ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EFFECTUATE CLARK COUNTY'S SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Title 9, Chapter 9.08 of the Clark County Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

**OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**

**9.08.010** *Creation. An office hereinafter known as the office of sustainability is hereby authorized and established.*

**9.08.020** *Policy and objectives. It is the public policy of Clark County that the principles of sustainability and resiliency should be fostered through immediate, direct, and coordinated action to address the impacts of climate change. To that end, the office of sustainability shall coordinate and manage county and community-wide policies and programs to address sustainability, mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and adapt to the impacts of climate change and other natural and human-caused hazards.*

**9.08.030** *Sustainability and climate action plans. From time to time, the board of county commissioners may approve and adopt sustainability and climate action plans to effectuate the policy and objectives of this chapter. The All-In Community Sustainability and Climate Action*

Plan and the All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan for County Operations are currently approved and in effect. Collectively, the two approved plans and any subsequent sustainability and climate action plans adopted or amended by the board of county commissioners are known as “Sustainability Plans.”

**9.08.040 Sustainability directives.** The county manager shall approve and authorize sustainability directives necessary to implement the Sustainability Plan.

**9.08.050 Administration of the office of sustainability.** The department of environment and sustainability is hereby designated as the administrator of the office of sustainability and shall carry out the provisions of this chapter and shall assist the county manager with developing sustainability directives.

**9.08.060 Responsibilities of the director of the department of environment and sustainability.** The director of the department of environment and sustainability shall have the following duties:

- (a) Oversee the overall execution, mission, and efficacy of programs to implement Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives in accordance with chapter 2.76 of this code;
- (b) Coordinate with the county manager and department directors on strategic direction in alignment with the Sustainability Plans; and
- (c) Appoint a sustainability and climate program manager.

**9.08.070 Sustainability and climate manager.** The manager shall directly supervise the office of sustainability, administer programs to implement the Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives and carry out the following responsibilities:

- (a) Draft sustainability directives as requested by the county manager;
- (b) Track and refine goals and benchmarks;
- (c) Provide support to the board of county commissioners and the county manager on all matters related to sustainability and climate in Clark County;
- (d) Provide overall organization project management for the activities related to the implementation of the Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives;
- (e) Manage, coordinate, administer and timely execute cross-functional projects related to the implementation of the Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives across County departments, external agencies and organizations, and stakeholders; and
- (f) Facilitate and coordinate communication between project teams, department leadership, executive leadership, and stakeholders.

**9.08.080 Functions.** The office of sustainability shall promote sustainable practices through equity, transparency, greenhouse gas reduction, and economic, environmental, and social resilience within Clark County's operations and the community in accordance with the Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives through the following functions:

- (a) Establish annual priorities and corresponding directives by the county manager to establish environmentally sustainable business practices in county operations;
- (b) Collaborate with businesses, non-profit organizations, political subdivisions and governmental agencies to develop programs incorporating environmentally sustainable methods of reducing greenhouse gas emissions as common practices.

- (c) Educate the public about environmentally sustainable practices;
- (d) Advise on policies and programs related to sustainability and climate, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and climate resiliency;
- (e) Provide cross-functional project management by ensuring communication, escalating issues as necessary, and tracking and reporting progress.

**9.08.090 Responsibilities of county departments.** Each county department shall implement programs and initiatives in accordance with the established Sustainability Plans and sustainability directives of the county manager through the leadership support, accountability, resources, and staff support.

**9.08.100 Reporting Requirements.** Each quarter, the county manager or designee shall provide a report to the board of county commissioners on the progress each department has made towards implementing the adopted annual Sustainability Plans and associated sustainability directives.

**SECTION 2.** If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the remaining parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances, parts of ordinances, chapters, sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, or sentences contained in the Clark County Code in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and the publication thereof by title only, together with the names of the County Commissioners voting for or against its passage, in a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in Clark County, Nevada, at least once a week for a period of two (2) weeks.

PROPOSED on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PROPOSED BY: Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tick Segerblom, Chair

ATTEST:

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LYNN GOYA, County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.