

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

## Business Impact Statement

The following Business Impact Statement was prepared pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 237.080 and 237.090 to address the proposed impact of adoption of amendments to:

### **Clark County Code Title 7, Chapter 7.220 – Hemp Retail Sales (NEW) and**

### **Title 6, Chapter 6.10 – Work Identification Cards**

#### **Description of the proposed ordinance or rule:**

The proposed amendments to the Clark County Code will establish regulations governing the retail sale of hemp and hemp-derived products, including findings, license application requirements, fees, operational regulations, investigation and inspection, penalties and enforcement and amending Section 6.10.020 of the County Code to make conforming changes regarding work identification card requirements.

#### **Intent of the proposed ordinance or rule including issues to be resolved or other factors to be considered:**

The intent of this proposed ordinance is to regulate the retail sale of hemp and hemp-derived products to ensure the safe, orderly, and responsible sale of hemp products in Clark County. The unregulated sale of hemp products presents potential impacts on neighborhood character, business districts, enforcement resources, and overall community welfare.

#### **Description of the manner in which public comment, data or arguments were solicited from affected businesses and/or community stakeholders:**

On December 18, 2025, the County sent a Notification of Proposed Amendments to Clark County Code, Title 7, by adding a new Chapter 7.220 – Hemp Retail Sales and amending Title 6, Chapter 6.10 – Work Identification Cards (Notification Letter, Attachment #1) and the Proposed Ordinance to various chambers of commerce, trade associations, licensed smoke shops and cannabis establishments, and other interested parties. The Notification was published in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on December 23 and 30, 2025 (Attachment #2). The Notification and proposed ordinance were also available on the Department of Business License’s website. Recipients of the Notification Letter were encouraged to respond with any comments or concerns regarding the proposed ordinance.

#### **Summary of public comment, data or arguments including the number of public comments received:**

Following a comment period that lasted 15 working days, twenty-two (22) written comments were received.

### **Responses in Opposition – (Attachment #3)**

Several commenters expressed the following concerns:

1. Compliant businesses would be crushed while black-market products continue unchecked.
2. Lawful businesses would be forced to close.
3. Jobs would be eliminated.
4. Undermining lawful in-state manufacturing.
5. Reduce tax revenue.
6. The definition of “hemp” would include products such as hemp seeds, hemp protein powder, hemp lotions and hemp lip balm, which is problematic.
7. The definition of “hemp paraphernalia” is troublesome in that many products that can be used for the consumption of hemp can be used for other purposes.
8. A new license type is created without regard to businesses that are currently operating in that space. There is no grandfather provision for such businesses to continue operating.
9. It would economically punish compliant, tax-paying Nevada businesses that have operated transparently and responsibly for years in Clark County.

### **Responses in Support – (Attachment #4)**

The Nevada Cannabis Association (NCA), who represents the majority of licensed cannabis businesses in Nevada, commented that they are in full support of the proposed ordinance. The NCA further states that it strongly supports the ordinance’s restrictions on misleading advertising and signage that implies a hemp store is licensed to sell cannabis.

Nevada State Senator Lori Rogich stated that this ordinance is a necessary and well considered step toward safeguarding the community. The Senator further states that this ordinance provides a clear legislative record by unequivocally grounding the chapter in the County’s well-established police power to protect public health and safety. Senator Rogich proposed adding a statement to the Findings section of the ordinance regarding the exercise of police powers. The Senator also recommending adding a definition of “artificial derived cannabinoid” to replace the use of “synthetic cannabinoid”.

### **Public availability of the Proposed Ordinance and Business Impact Statement:**

Upon request, a copy of the proposed ordinance and Business Impact Statement can be obtained from the Clark County Department of Business License and such requests should be sent to:

Clark County Department of Business License  
Chapters 8.20 & 8.24  
500 S. Grand Central Pky., 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr  
Box 551810  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1810

or a copy may be obtained from the following website:

[www.clarkcountynv.gov/businesslicense](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/businesslicense).

**Number of businesses likely to be affected by the proposed ordinance:**

There are over 200 businesses that may be affected by this ordinance that will be required to obtain a hemp retail sales license.

**The following chambers of commerce and trade associations were notified of the proposed rule:**

**Chamber of Commerce**

African Chamber of Commerce and Tourism  
American Vietnamese Chamber  
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American Vietnamese Chamber  
Armed Forces Chamber of Commerce  
Asian Chamber  
Boulder City Chamber  
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Nevada  
Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce  
Henderson Chamber of Commerce  
Indian Chamber  
Korean American Chamber of Commerce, Nevada  
Korean Chamber  
Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Las Vegas Health & Fitness Chamber of Commerce  
Las Vegas Wedding Chamber of Commerce  
Latin Chamber  
Laughlin Chamber  
Mesquite Chamber  
Moapa Valley Chamber  
Native American Chamber of Commerce  
Peruvian Chamber of Commerce  
Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce  
Urban Chamber  
Vegas Chamber  
Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce Las Vegas  
Women's Chamber

## **Trade Associations**

ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors)  
Building Owners and Managers Association  
Certified Commercial Investment Member Association of Southern Nevada  
Clark County Association of Health Underwriters  
Clark County Medical Society  
Commercial Alliance Las Vegas  
Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors  
Las Vegas Hospitality Association  
NAIOP (National Association for Industrial and Office Parks)  
Nevada Banking Association  
Nevada Broadcasters Association  
Nevada Business Aviation Association  
Nevada Farmers Bureau  
Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association  
Nevada Homebuilders Association  
Nevada Hospital Association  
Nevada Hotel and Lodging Association  
Nevada Legal Services  
Nevada Manufacturers Association  
Nevada Mining Association  
Nevada Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association  
Nevada Press Association  
Nevada Professional Facility Managers Association  
Nevada Resort Association  
Nevada Restaurant Association  
Nevada Rural Electric Association  
Nevada Rural Hospital Partners  
Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants  
Nevada Subcontractors Association  
Nevada Taxpayers Association  
Nevada Telecommunications Association  
Nevada Trucking Association  
NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses)  
Public Relations Society of America, Las Vegas Valley Chapter  
Realtors  
Retail Association of Nevada  
Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association  
Work Health Solutions

**Summary of any workshop(s) held pursuant to NRS 237.080(5):**

The County did not receive any request for a workshop from any chambers of commerce and/or trade associations pursuant to NRS 237.080(5). Therefore, no workshop was conducted.

**The estimated economic effect of the proposed ordinance or rule on businesses:**

**1. Adverse effects**

The proposed ordinance will require retail stores that sell hemp and hemp-derived products to comply with the regulations being proposed by this ordinance. It will also require that each employee that sells or handles hemp paraphernalia, cannabis paraphernalia, hemp, or hemp-derived products or has daily control of the operations of the hemp retail store obtain a work identification card.

**2. Beneficial effects**

The proposed ordinance would regulate the retail sales of hemp and hemp-derived products to ensure the safe, orderly, and responsible sale of hemp products in Clark County. The proposed ordinance sets forth the duties of the licensee of a hemp retail store.

**3. Direct effects**

This proposed ordinance will require holders of a hemp retail store license to strictly comply with all of the applicable provisions of this ordinance and regulations pertaining to the sale of hemp paraphernalia, cannabis paraphernalia, hemp and hemp-derived products.

**4. Indirect effects.**

The required signage would alert customers entering a Hemp Retail Store that it is not licensed to sell cannabis. Persons under twenty-one years of age would be prohibited from entering or remaining within a Hemp Retail Store unless they are continuously accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

**5. Other economic effects to be considered.**

No other economic effects were identified.

**Description of the methods that local government considered to modify the proposed ordinance or rule; or otherwise reduce the impact of the proposed rule on businesses, the parties involved, and a statement of the methods used:**

Based on the comments received from Senator Rogich definitions and Section 7.220.310(c) were revised to add “artificially derived cannabinoid” to replace the use of “synthetic cannabinoid” and the Findings section was revised to include the exercise of the County’s police powers to protect the public health and safety by regulating intoxicating or potentially intoxicating substances sold to the public.

Based on comments received by Edwin Efraimov of The Retail Group, the definition of “hemp retail store” was revised to exclude businesses that do not sell any hemp or hemp-derived products. Additionally, the effective date of the proposed ordinance was amended to ninety (90) days after its passage to allow relevant businesses additional time to comply with new requirements, including the employee work card requirement.

Based on comments received from the Nevada Cannabis Association, Section 7.220.310(c) regarding hemp retail store regulations was revised to include Delta-7 THC and Delta-9 THC.

**The estimated cost to the local government for the enforcement of the proposed ordinance or rule:**

It is anticipated that the enforcement of this proposed ordinance will be absorbed by current staff.

**If applicable, explanation of a new fee or increase to an existing fee including a projection of the annual revenue expected to be collected and the manner in which the revenue will be utilized:**

The proposed ordinance establishes a new fee for hemp retail stores. The new fee is based on a percentage of gross revenue and cannot be determined at this time. License fees generated by this proposed ordinance would go to the County General Fund to be used at the Board’s discretion.

**Assessment of provisions of the proposed ordinance or rule, which may duplicate or are more stringent than Federal, State or local standards regulating the same activity:**

The proposed amendments do not duplicate and are not more stringent than Federal, State or local standards.

**If applicable, explanation of why the duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:**

Not applicable.

**The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the proposed rule on businesses:**

The provisions in the proposed ordinance are necessary and proper to promote safe commercial practices and safeguard public health by imposing reasonable restrictions on the sale, marketing, and distribution of hemp products within the unincorporated areas of Clark County.

**Certification of Business Impact Statement**

Pursuant to NRS 237.090 (2), I, Kevin Schiller, as County Manager for Clark County, Nevada, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

  
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Kevin Schiller  
County Manager

2-19-2025  
Date