## CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Marci Henson, Department of Environment and Sustainability

## **Recommendation:**

Introduce an ordinance to amend Clark County Air Quality Regulation Section 0, "Definitions," to remove, revise and add definitions; amend Section 12.0, "Applicability and General Requirements for Permitting Stationary Sources," to add clarifying language and include new requirements for certain stationary sources in ozone nonattainment areas subject to the State Implementation Plan and stationary source permitting; and provide for other matters properly related thereto; and set a public hearing. (For possible action)

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

## **BACKGROUND:**

On October 1, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone, lowering both the primary and secondary standards from 0.075 to 0.070 parts per million. When establishing a new NAAQS or revising an existing one, EPA must also designate areas as meeting (attainment) or not meeting (nonattainment) the NAAQS. Initially, the Las Vegas Valley was designated as a "marginal" nonattainment area. On July 22, 2022, EPA proposed to determine that the Las Vegas Valley nonattainment area had failed to attain the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS and would be reclassified as a "moderate" nonattainment area. On January 5, 2023, EPA officially made that determination and notified Clark County that the required State Implementation Plan (SIP) was due no later than January 1, 2023. Although that date has already passed, Clark County is moving forward in meeting the first set of SIP requirements to address the moderate nonattainment area designation with these proposed revisions to Section 0, "Definitions," and Section 12.0, "Applicability and General Requirements for Permitting Stationary Sources."

Staff recommends that a public hearing be set for February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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