

SENATE BILL NO. 12—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RENO)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to the Charter of the City of Reno. (BDR S-354)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the City of Reno; replacing gendered language with gender neutral language in certain provisions of the Charter of the City of Reno; authorizing the City Council of the City of Reno to engage in green infrastructure projects; repealing provisions related to the elimination of the office of the Council Member who represents the City at large and the creation of the sixth ward of the City that were to become effective on January 1, 2024; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The existing Charter of the City of Reno divides the City into five wards, each
2 of which is represented on the City Council by a Council Member. A sixth Council
3 Member represents the City at large. (Reno City Charter §§ 1.050, 2.010)
4 Beginning January 1, 2024, the Charter of the City of Reno will: (1) divide the City
5 of Reno into six wards; and (2) replace the office of the Council Member at large
6 with the office of the Council Member to represent the newly created sixth ward.
7 (Sections 2 and 5 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at pages 4197, 4198)
8 **Section 31** of this bill repeals: (1) the provision that divides the City of Reno into
9 six wards; (2) the provisions replacing the office of the Council Member at large
10 with the office of the Council Member to represent the newly created sixth ward;
11 and (3) certain provisions making conforming changes relating to the division of
12 the City of Reno into six wards and the replacement of the Council Member at
13 large. **Section 30** of this bill makes a conforming change to provide for the
14 continuation of: (1) the division of the City of Reno into five wards; and (2) the
15 office of the Council Member at large after December 31, 2023.

16 The existing Charter of the City of Reno authorizes the City Council to acquire,
17 improve, equip, operate and maintain, convert to or authorize certain local



18 improvements. (Reno City Charter § 6.010) **Section 18** of this bill authorizes the
19 City Council to also acquire, improve, equip, operate and maintain, convert to or
20 authorize green infrastructure projects.

21 **Sections 1-17 and 19-29** of this bill replace gendered language in the Charter
22 of the City of Reno with gender neutral language.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
3 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4197, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies. ~~Effective~~
6 ~~through December 31, 2023.~~

7 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
8 vacancy in the City Council or in the office of City Attorney
9 or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote of the
10 members of the City Council within 30 days after the
11 occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be selected to fill a
12 prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy
13 occurs. In filling a prospective vacancy, each member of the
14 Council, except any member whose term of office expires
15 before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any
16 action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The
17 appointee must have the same qualifications as are required
18 of the elective official. The appointee shall serve until the
19 next general municipal election and until ~~his or her~~ a
20 successor is elected and qualified.

21 2. If a prospective vacancy or vacancy occurs in the
22 office of a City Council Member, in lieu of appointment, the
23 City Council may, by resolution, declare a special election to
24 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The
25 resolution declaring a special election must be adopted within
26 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy and must state
27 the date set by the City Council for the special election. In the
28 case of a prospective vacancy, the Council may adopt the
29 resolution before the vacancy occurs, but the special election
30 may not be held until after the vacancy occurs. The special
31 election must be conducted in accordance with the provisions
32 of the resolution declaring the special election and section
33 5.030 of this Charter. A person elected to fill a vacancy at a
34 special election must have the same qualifications as are
35 required of the elected official.



1 3. A candidate at a special election to fill a vacancy in
2 the office of a City Council Member who represents a ward
3 must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that
4 the candidate seeks to represent.

5 **Sec. 2.** Section 1.080 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
6 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
7 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1818, is hereby amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 1.080 Mayor and Council Members not to hold
10 other office or employment.

11 1. The Mayor and Council Members shall not:

12 (a) Hold any other elective or appointive office, except as
13 provided by law or as a member of a board or commission
14 which is ancillary to the office of Mayor or Council Member
15 and for which no compensation is received.

16 (b) Hold any other employment with the County, the City
17 or any other political subdivision of the State which is
18 governed or advised by a board or commission to which the
19 Mayor or Council Member may be appointed in the course of
20 ~~his or her~~ *performing the* duties ~~as~~ *of* Mayor or Council
21 Member.

22 (c) Be appointed to any office or position created by or
23 the compensation for which was increased or fixed by the
24 City Council until 1 year after the expiration of the term for
25 which the Mayor or Council Member was elected.

26 2. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection
27 1 shall automatically forfeit ~~his or her~~ *the person's* office.

28 **Sec. 3.** Section 1.100 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
29 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
30 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 769, is hereby amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Sec. 1.100 Appointive officers and appointive
33 employees: Miscellaneous provisions.

34 1. All appointive officers and appointive employees,
35 except the City Clerk and ~~his or her~~ *the* deputy ~~of the~~
36 *City Clerk*, shall perform such duties as are designated by the
37 City Manager.

38 2. Any employee of the City holding a Civil Service
39 rating under the City who is appointed to any appointive
40 office or appointive position does not lose ~~his or her~~ *the*
41 *employee's* Civil Service rating while serving in that
42 appointive office or appointive position.

43 3. The City Council may require from all other officers
44 and employees of the City constituted or appointed under this
45 Charter, except the Mayor and Council Members, sufficient



1 security for the faithful and honest performance of their
2 respective duties.

3 **Sec. 4.** Section 1.130 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
4 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1964, is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1.130 Oath of office. Every person elected or
7 appointed to fill any office shall subscribe to the official oath
8 as provided by the City Council. Every such person shall
9 swear or affirm that ~~he or she~~ *the person* is not under any
10 direct or indirect obligation to vote for, appoint or elect any
11 person to any office, position or employment in the City
12 government.

13 **Sec. 5.** Section 1.140 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
14 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, as amended by chapter 163,
15 Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 770, is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 1.140 Charter Committee: Appointment; terms;
18 qualifications; vacancies; compensation.

19 1. The Charter Committee must be appointed as follows:

20 (a) Each Council Member shall appoint one member;

21 (b) The Mayor shall appoint one member;

22 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
23 members of the Senate delegation representing the residents
24 of the City and belonging to the majority party of the Senate
25 shall appoint two members;

26 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
27 members of the Senate delegation representing the residents
28 of the City and belonging to the minority party of the Senate
29 shall appoint one member;

30 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
31 members of the Assembly delegation representing the
32 residents of the City and belonging to the majority party of
33 the Assembly shall appoint two members; and

34 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
35 members of the Assembly delegation representing the
36 residents of the City and belonging to the minority party of
37 the Assembly shall appoint one member.

38 2. The:

39 (a) Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint the
40 members of the Charter Committee described in paragraph (c)
41 of subsection 1 if there are no members of the Senate
42 representing the residents of the City and belonging to the
43 majority party of the Senate.

44 (b) Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint the
45 member of the Charter Committee described in paragraph (d)



1 of subsection 1 if there are no members of the Senate
2 representing the residents of the City and belonging to the
3 minority party of the Senate.

4 (c) Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint the members
5 described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1 if there are no
6 members of the Assembly representing the residents of the
7 City and belonging to the majority party of the Assembly.

8 (d) Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint the
9 member of the Charter Committee described in paragraph (f)
10 of subsection 1 if there are no members of the Assembly
11 representing the residents of the City and belonging to the
12 minority party of the Assembly.

13 3. Each member of the Charter Committee:

14 (a) If appointed by a Council Member or the Mayor,
15 serves during the term of the person by whom ~~he or she~~ *the*
16 *member of the Charter Committee* was appointed;

17 (b) If appointed by members of the Senate delegation or
18 the Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the Senate, serves
19 a term of 4 years;

20 (c) If appointed by members of the Assembly delegation
21 or the Speaker or Minority Leader of the Assembly, serves a
22 term of 2 years;

23 (d) Must be a registered voter in the City; and

24 (e) Must reside in the City during ~~his or her~~ *the* term of
25 office ~~of the member of the Charter Committee.~~

26 4. If a vacancy occurs on the Charter Committee, the
27 vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original
28 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

29 5. Members of the Charter Committee are entitled to
30 receive compensation, in an amount set by ordinance of the
31 City Council, for each full meeting of the Charter Committee
32 they attend.

33 **Sec. 6.** Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
34 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
35 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1366, is hereby amended to
36 read as follows:

37 Sec. 2.010 Mayor and City Council: Qualifications;
38 election; term of office; salary. ~~Effective through~~
39 ~~December 31, 2023.]~~

40 1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City
41 Council consisting of six Council Members and a Mayor.

42 2. The Mayor and Council Members must be qualified
43 electors within the City. Each Council Member elected from a
44 ward must continue to live in that ward for as long as ~~he or~~
45 ~~she~~ *the Council Member* represents the ward.



1 3. The Mayor and one Council Member represent the
2 City at large and one Council Member represents each ward.
3 The Mayor and Council Members serve for terms of 4 years.

4 4. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to
5 receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

6 **Sec. 7.** Section 2.030 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
7 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 349,
8 Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1820, is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 Sec. 2.030 City Council: Discipline of members and
11 other persons; subpoena power.

12 1. The City Council may:

13 (a) Provide for the punishment of the City Clerk or any
14 member for disorderly conduct committed in its presence.

15 (b) Order the attendance of witnesses and the production
16 of all papers relating to any business before the City Council.

17 2. If any person ordered to appear before the City
18 Council fails to obey such an order:

19 (a) The City Council or any member thereof may apply to
20 the clerk of the district court for a subpoena commanding the
21 attendance of the person before the City Council.

22 (b) The clerk of the district court may issue the subpoena,
23 and any peace officer may serve it.

24 (c) If the person upon whom the subpoena is served fails
25 to obey it, the court may issue an order to show cause why the
26 person should not be held in contempt of court and upon the
27 hearing of the matter may adjudge the person guilty of
28 contempt and punish ~~him or her~~ *the person* accordingly.

29 **Sec. 8.** Section 2.080 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
30 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
31 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1821, is hereby amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Sec. 2.080 Powers of City Council: Ordinances,
34 resolutions and orders; waiver of salary and benefits.

35 1. The City Council may make and pass all ordinances,
36 resolutions and orders not repugnant to the Constitution of the
37 United States or the Constitution of the State of Nevada, or to
38 the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes or of this Charter,
39 necessary for the municipal government and the management
40 of the affairs of the City, and for the execution of all the
41 powers vested in the City.

42 2. When power is conferred upon the City Council to do
43 and perform anything and the manner of exercising such
44 power is not specifically provided for, the City Council may



1 provide by ordinance the manner and details necessary for the
2 full exercise of such power.

3 3. The City Council may enforce ordinances by
4 providing penalties not to exceed those established by the
5 Legislature for misdemeanors.

6 4. The City Council shall have such powers, not in
7 conflict with the express or implied provisions of this Charter,
8 as are conferred generally by statute upon the governing
9 bodies of cities organized under a special charter.

10 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and
11 subsection 6, the City Council shall not pass any ordinance or
12 resolution increasing or diminishing the salary of any elective
13 officer during the term for which ~~he or she~~ *the elective*
14 *officer* is elected or appointed. The City Council may pass an
15 ordinance increasing the salary of a Municipal Judge during
16 the term for which ~~he or she~~ *the Municipal Judge* is elected
17 or appointed.

18 6. Except as otherwise prohibited or limited by statute or
19 regulation or as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
20 Mayor and any Council Member may waive the payment of
21 any part of the salary and benefits otherwise payable to ~~him~~
22 ~~or her~~ *the Mayor or Council Member, as applicable*, during
23 any budget year. Any such waiver must be in writing, does
24 not extend beyond the current term of the Mayor or Council
25 Member and may not be rescinded.

26 **Sec. 9.** Section 3.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being
27 chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
28 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1824, is hereby amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Sec. 3.010 Mayor: Duties; Vice Mayor.

31 1. The Mayor:

32 (a) Shall serve as a member of the City Council and
33 preside over its meetings.

34 (b) Shall not have any administrative duties.

35 (c) Must be recognized as the head of the City
36 Government for all ceremonial purposes.

37 (d) Shall determine the order of business at meetings
38 pursuant to the rules of the City Council.

39 (e) Is entitled to vote and shall vote last on all roll call
40 votes.

41 (f) Shall take all proper measures for the preservation of
42 the public peace and order and for the suppression of riots
43 and all forms of public disturbance, for which ~~he or she~~ *the*
44 *Mayor* is authorized to appoint extra police officers
45 temporarily and without regard to Civil Service rules and



1 regulations, and to call upon the County Sheriff or, if that
2 force is inadequate, to call upon the Governor for assistance.

3 (g) Shall perform such other duties, except administrative
4 duties, as are prescribed by ordinance or by the provisions of
5 Nevada Revised Statutes which apply to a mayor of a city
6 organized pursuant to the provisions of a special charter.

7 2. At the first regular City Council meeting in November
8 of each year or whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of
9 Vice Mayor, the City Council shall elect one of the Council
10 Members to be Vice Mayor. That person:

11 (a) Holds that office and title, without additional
12 compensation, for a term of 1 year or until removed after a
13 hearing for cause by a vote of six-sevenths of the City
14 Council or the office otherwise becomes vacant.

15 (b) Shall perform the duties of Mayor during the absence
16 or disability of the Mayor.

17 (c) Shall act as Mayor if the office of Mayor becomes
18 vacant until the vacancy is filled pursuant to section 1.070 of
19 this Charter.

20 **Sec. 10.** Section 3.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
21 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
22 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4199, is hereby
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 3.020 City Manager: Duties; compensation;
25 residency; vacancy.

26 1. The City Manager is the Chief Executive and
27 Administrative Officer of the City Government. ~~He or she~~
28 *The City Manager* is responsible to the City Council for the
29 proper administration of all affairs of the City. The duties and
30 salary of the City Manager must be fixed by the City Council
31 and ~~he or she~~ *the City Manager* is entitled to be reimbursed
32 for all expenses incurred in the performance of ~~his or her~~
33 *the* duties ~~of~~ *of City Manager*.

34 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
35 City Manager must actually, as opposed to constructively,
36 reside in the State. A person who is appointed as City
37 Manager by the City Council must become an actual resident
38 of the State not later than 6 months after the date of ~~his or~~
39 ~~her~~ *the* appointment ~~of~~ *of the City Manager*.

40 3. Any vacancy in the City Manager position must be
41 filled by the City Council not later than 6 months after the
42 vacancy occurs.

43 4. Subject to the provisions of section 1.090, the City
44 Manager may appoint such staff as ~~he or she~~ *the City*



1 *Manager* deems necessary for the proper functioning of the
2 City.

3 5. The City Manager may designate an acting City
4 Manager to serve in ~~[his or her]~~ *the* absence *of the City*
5 *Manager* or, if ~~[he or she]~~ *the City Manager* fails to do so,
6 the City Council may appoint an acting City Manager.

7 6. No member of the City Council may be appointed as
8 City Manager during the term for which ~~[he or she]~~ *the*
9 *member of the City Council* was elected, or for 1 year
10 thereafter.

11 7. The City Manager shall appoint all officers and
12 employees of the City and may remove any officer or
13 employee of the City except as otherwise provided in this
14 Charter. The City Manager may authorize the head of a
15 department or office to appoint or remove ~~[his or her]~~ *the*
16 subordinates ~~[]~~ *of the City Manager*.

17 **Sec. 11.** Section 3.030 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
18 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
19 210, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 736, is hereby amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 3.030 City Manager: Removal.

22 1. The City Council may remove the City Manager from
23 office in accordance with the procedure contained in this
24 section.

25 2. The City Council shall adopt by affirmative vote of a
26 majority of all its members a preliminary resolution which
27 must state the reasons for removal and may suspend the City
28 Manager from duty for a period not to exceed 15 days. A
29 copy of the resolution must be delivered promptly to the City
30 Manager.

31 3. Within 5 days after a copy of the resolution is
32 delivered to the City Manager, ~~[he or she]~~ *the City Manager*
33 may file with the City Council a written request for a public
34 hearing. The public hearing must be held at a City Council
35 meeting not earlier than 15 days nor later than 30 days after
36 the request is filed. The City Manager may file with the City
37 Council a written reply not later than 5 days before the
38 hearing.

39 4. The City Council may adopt a final resolution of
40 removal, which may be made effective immediately, by
41 affirmative vote of a majority of all its members, at any time
42 after 5 days from the date when a copy of the preliminary
43 resolution was delivered to the City Manager if ~~[he or she]~~
44 *the City Manager* has not requested a public hearing or at any



1 time after the public hearing if ~~he or she~~ *the City Manager*
2 has requested one.

3 5. The City Manager is entitled to receive ~~this or her~~
4 *the salary of City Manager* until the effective date of the final
5 resolution of removal.

6 **Sec. 12.** Section 3.040 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
7 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
8 chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 772, is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 3.040 City Clerk: Duties.

11 1. The City Clerk shall:

12 (a) Keep the corporate seal and all books and papers
13 belonging to the City.

14 (b) Attend all meetings of the City Council and keep an
15 accurate journal of its proceedings, including a record of all
16 ordinances, bylaws and resolutions passed or adopted by it.
17 After approval at each meeting of the City Council, the City
18 Clerk shall attest the journal after it has been signed by the
19 Mayor.

20 (c) Sign all warrants for payment issued.

21 (d) Number and sign all business licenses issued by the
22 City. All business licenses must be in a form devised by the
23 City Clerk and approved by the City Council.

24 (e) Enter upon the journal the result of the vote of the City
25 Council upon the passage of ordinances, or of any resolution
26 appropriating money, abolishing licenses, or increasing or
27 decreasing the rates of licenses.

28 (f) Be the official collector of all business license fees and
29 penalties of the City, and all money making up the City
30 revenues, except general taxes and special assessments, must
31 be paid over to ~~him or her~~ *the City Clerk*.

32 2. The City Clerk has custody of all the official records
33 of the City. ~~He or she~~ *The City Clerk* is responsible to the
34 City Council for the proper discharge of ~~this or her~~ *the*
35 duties ~~of~~ *of City Clerk*. The duties and salary of the City
36 Clerk are fixed by the City Council, and ~~he or she~~ *the City*
37 *Clerk* is entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in
38 the performance of ~~this or her~~ *the* duties ~~of~~ *of City Clerk*.

39 3. The City Clerk may, with approval of the City
40 Council, appoint one Chief Deputy City Clerk and one
41 Manager of Record Systems, who are appointive officers and
42 not subject to the provisions of article IX of this Charter.

43 4. The City Clerk may designate a member of ~~this or~~
44 ~~her~~ *the staff of the City Clerk* as acting City Clerk to:

45 (a) Administer oaths; and



(b) Perform all the duties of the City Clerk in ~~his or her~~ *the absence of the City Clerk.*

Sec. 13. Section 3.060 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 772, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.060 City Attorney: Qualifications; duties; salary.

1. The City Attorney must be a duly licensed member of the State Bar of Nevada and a qualified elector within the City. Once elected, ~~he or she~~ *the City Attorney* shall hold office for a term of 4 years and until ~~his or her~~ *a* successor is duly elected and qualified.

2. The City Attorney is the Legal Officer of the City and shall:

(a) Perform such duties as are designated by ordinance;

(b) Be present at all meetings of the City Council;

(c) Be counsel for the Commission;

(d) Devote ~~his or her~~ *the* full time *of the City Attorney* to the duties of the office; and

(e) Not engage in the private practice of law.

3. The City Attorney is entitled to receive a salary as fixed by resolution of the City Council.

4. As ~~he or she~~ *the City Attorney* requires in the discharge of the duties of ~~his or her~~ *the* office ~~of~~ *of City Attorney*, the City Attorney may:

(a) Appoint and remove any professional and paraprofessional legal staff, including, without limitation, attorneys, paralegals, investigators, an office administrator and an executive assistant. Professional and paraprofessional legal staff must not be Civil Service employees.

(b) Appoint and remove clerical staff, including, without limitation, management assistants, legal secretaries and advocates. Clerical staff must not be Civil Service employees.

5. The Council may appropriate such an amount of money as it deems proper to compensate the professional and paraprofessional legal staff and clerical staff appointed by the City Attorney pursuant to subsection 4.

6. Any attorney or paralegal who is employed for more than 20 hours per week by the City Attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law.



1 **Sec. 14.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
3 chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4200, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 5.010 General elections. ~~Effective through~~
6 ~~December 31, 2023.~~

7 1. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
8 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each
9 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the
10 general election, a Municipal Judge, who holds office for a
11 term of 6 years and until ~~his or her~~ a successor has been
12 elected and qualified.

13 2. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
14 the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each
15 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the
16 general election, a Mayor, Council Members from the second
17 and fourth wards, and a City Attorney, all of whom hold
18 office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have
19 been elected and qualified.

20 3. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
21 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each
22 successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the
23 general election, one or more Municipal Judges, other than
24 the Municipal Judge referred to in subsection 1, all of whom
25 hold office for a term of 6 years and until their successors
26 have been elected and qualified.

27 4. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for
28 the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each
29 successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the
30 general election, Council Members from the first, third and
31 fifth wards and one Council Member at large, all of whom
32 hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors
33 have been elected and qualified.

34 5. In the general election:

35 (a) A candidate for the office of Council Member who
36 represents a ward must be elected only by the registered
37 voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.

38 (b) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Municipal Judge,
39 City Attorney and Council Member at large must be elected
40 by the registered voters of the city at large.



1 **Sec. 15.** Section 5.060 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
3 669, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 2055, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 5.060 Ballots for ordinances and Charter
6 amendments. An ordinance or Charter amendment to be
7 voted on in the City shall be presented for voting by ballot
8 title. The ballot title of a measure may differ from its legal
9 title and shall be a clear, concise statement describing the
10 substance of the measure without argument or prejudice.
11 Below the ballot title shall appear the following question:
12 "Shall the above described (ordinance) (amendment) be
13 adopted?" The ballot or voting machine or device shall be so
14 marked as to indicate clearly in what manner the voter may
15 cast ~~his or her~~ a vote, either for or against the ordinance or
16 amendment.

17 **Sec. 16.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
18 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1979, is hereby
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 5.080 Watchers and challengers. A candidate is
21 entitled upon written application to the election authorities at
22 least 5 days before the election to appoint two persons to
23 represent ~~him or her~~ the candidate as watchers and
24 challengers at each polling place where voters may cast their
25 ballots for ~~him or her~~ the candidate. A person so appointed
26 has all the rights and privileges prescribed by watchers and
27 challengers under the election laws of this State. The
28 watchers and challengers may exercise their rights throughout
29 the voting and until the ballots have been counted.

30 **Sec. 17.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
31 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
32 chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4139, is hereby
33 amended to read as follows:

34 Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of
35 election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

36 1. The election returns from any special, primary or
37 general election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall
38 immediately place those returns in a safe or vault, and no
39 person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with
40 those returns until canvassed by the City Council.

41 2. The City Council and City Manager shall meet within
42 the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and
43 canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns
44 must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months,
45 and no person may have access thereto except on order of a



1 court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City
2 Council.

3 3. The City Clerk, under ~~[his or her]~~ *the* hand and
4 official seal ~~[]~~ *of the City Clerk*, shall issue to each person
5 declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers
6 elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their
7 respective duties at the first regular City Council meeting
8 following their election.

9 4. If any election results in a tie, the City Council shall
10 summon the candidates who received the tie vote and
11 determine the tie as provided in this subsection. The City
12 Clerk shall provide and open in the presence of the candidates
13 who received the tie vote an unused 52-card deck of playing
14 cards, removing any jokers and blank cards. The City Clerk
15 shall shuffle the cards thoroughly and present the shuffled
16 deck to the City Manager, or to the person designated by the
17 City Manager for this purpose. One of the candidates who
18 received the tie vote shall then draw one card from the deck,
19 and the City Clerk shall record the suit and number of the
20 card. The card then must be returned to the deck, and the City
21 Clerk shall shuffle the cards thoroughly and present the
22 shuffled deck to the City Manager, or to the person
23 designated by the City Manager for this purpose, and another
24 of the candidates who received the tie vote shall draw one
25 card from the deck. This process must be repeated until each
26 of the candidates who received the tie vote has drawn one
27 card from the deck and the result of each draw has been
28 recorded. The candidate who draws the high card shall be
29 deemed the winner of the election. For the purposes of this
30 subsection, aces are high and twos are low. If the candidates
31 draw cards of otherwise equal value, the card of the higher
32 suit is the high card. Spades are highest, followed in
33 descending order by hearts, clubs and diamonds. The City
34 Clerk shall issue to the winner a certificate of election.

35 **Sec. 18.** Section 6.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
36 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
37 chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1831, is hereby
38 amended to read as follows:

39 Sec. 6.010 Local improvement law. Except as
40 otherwise provided in subsection 2 of section 2.140 and
41 section 2.150, the City Council, on behalf of the City and in
42 its name, without any election, may from time to time
43 acquire, improve, equip, operate and maintain, convert to or
44 authorize:

- 45 1. Curb and gutter projects;



- 1 2. Drainage projects;
- 2 3. *Green infrastructure projects*;
- 3 4. Off-street parking projects;
- 4 ~~[4.]~~ 5. Overpass projects;
- 5 ~~[5.]~~ 6. Park projects;
- 6 ~~[6.]~~ 7. Sanitary sewer projects;
- 7 ~~[7.]~~ 8. Security walls;
- 8 ~~[8.]~~ 9. Sidewalk projects;
- 9 ~~[9.]~~ 10. Storm sewer projects;
- 10 ~~[10.]~~ 11. Street projects;
- 11 ~~[11.]~~ 12. Underground electric and communication
12 facilities;
- 13 ~~[12.]~~ 13. Underpass projects;
- 14 ~~[13.]~~ 14. Water projects; and
- 15 ~~[14.]~~ 15. Any other projects authorized by the laws of
16 the State, including, without limitation, chapter 271 of NRS.

17 **Sec. 19.** Section 7A.060 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
18 being chapter 460, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 860, is hereby
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 7A.060 “Mailed notice,” “notice by mail” defined.

21 1. “Mailed notice” or “notice by mail” means the giving
22 by the Engineer, City Clerk, or any deputy thereof, as
23 determined by the City Council, of any designated written or
24 printed notice addressed to the last-known owner or owners
25 of each tract in a tax increment area or other designated
26 person at ~~[his, her or their]~~ *the* last-known address or
27 addresses *of the owner or owners* by deposit, at least 20 days
28 prior to the designated hearing or other time or event, in the
29 United States mail, postage prepaid as first-class mail.

30 2. The names and addresses of such property owners
31 shall be obtained from the records of the County Assessor or
32 from such other source or sources as the City Clerk or the
33 Engineer deems reliable. Any list of such names and
34 addresses pertaining to any tax increment area may be revised
35 from time to time, but such a list need not be revised more
36 frequently than at 12-month intervals if any such list is
37 needed for a period longer than 12 months.

38 3. Any mailing of any notice required in this article shall
39 be verified by the affidavit or certificate of the Engineer, City
40 Clerk, deputy, or other person mailing the notice, which
41 verification shall be retained in the records of the City at least
42 until all bonds and any other securities pertaining to a Tax
43 Increment Account have been paid in full, or any claim is
44 barred by a statute of limitations.



1 4. Such verification of mailing is prima facie evidence of
2 the mailing of such notice in accordance with the
3 requirements of this section.

4 **Sec. 20.** Section 7A.180 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
5 being chapter 460, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 865, is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7A.180 Final order of undertaking.

8 1. After the provisional order hearing and the
9 consideration of all matters in the premises, and in the event
10 of any material changes other than the deletion of a part of the
11 undertaking and any modification of the tax increment area to
12 conform to such modification under subsection 2 of section
13 7A.160, after the supplemental provisional order hearing and
14 the consideration of any supplemental matters in the
15 premises, the City Council shall determine whether to
16 proceed under this article. If it has ordered any modification
17 and desires to proceed, it shall direct the Engineer to modify
18 appropriately the plans, estimates and statements filed by
19 ~~him or her~~ *the Engineer* with the City Clerk under
20 subsection 5 of section 7A.140.

21 2. The Engineer, if so directed, shall appropriately
22 modify them and shall forthwith file the modified plans,
23 estimates and statements with the City Clerk.

24 3. When such plans, estimates and statements are
25 prepared, filed with the City Clerk and are satisfactory to the
26 City Council, it shall by ordinance overrule all complaints,
27 protests and objections not otherwise acted upon,
28 unconditionally order the undertaking, as modified if
29 modified, describe the tax increment area pertaining thereto,
30 and create the Tax Increment Account therefor.

31 4. The ordinance may be adopted in the same manner as
32 is provided in cases of emergency or may be introduced and
33 adopted as a regular measure.

34 **Sec. 21.** Section 9.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
35 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as last amended by
36 chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 774, is hereby
37 amended to read as follows:

38 Sec. 9.020 Civil Service and exempt positions.

39 1. A Civil Service System is created for the selection,
40 appointment and promotion of all employees of the City
41 except:

42 (a) Any elected official described in section 1.060 or
43 person who is appointed to fill a vacancy pursuant to
44 section 1.070.



1 (b) A person who serves as a member of any board,
2 commission, committee or other body created pursuant to the
3 authority of the City.

4 (c) An appointive officer or appointive employee.

5 (d) A person employed by the City for less than 18
6 hours per week or 234 hours per fiscal quarter, whichever is
7 greater.

8 (e) A person who is not subject to the provisions of this
9 article pursuant to section 3.020, 3.040 or 3.060.

10 (f) A person for whose position half or more of the money
11 is provided by a source other than the City.

12 (g) An employee of the Municipal Court who is hired
13 directly by the Court.

14 2. The provisions of this article are not applicable to the
15 selection, appointment, promotion, demotion, transfer,
16 suspension, discipline or dismissal of any person described in
17 subsection 1.

18 3. Any employee whose position was within the
19 provisions of the Civil Service System before June 2, 2013,
20 shall retain all rights and benefits to which ~~he or she~~ *the*
21 *employee* would otherwise be entitled under the Civil Service
22 System.

23 **Sec. 22.** Section 9.030 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
24 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as last amended by
25 chapter 89, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 109, is hereby
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 9.030 Civil Service Commission: Number,
28 appointment, qualifications, terms, compensation of
29 members.

30 1. A Civil Service Commission is created to carry out
31 the provisions of this article. The Commission consists of
32 seven members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of
33 the City Council.

34 2. Members must:

35 (a) Be residents of the City.

36 (b) Have no other connection with the City government.

37 (c) Hold no elective office.

38 (d) Serve for terms of five years.

39 (e) Receive compensation as provided by City ordinance.

40 3. One term of office shall begin on the second Monday
41 in July in each successive year. A member shall serve until
42 ~~his or her~~ *a* successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy
43 occurring during a term must be filled by the Mayor with the
44 approval of the City Council for the remainder of that term.



1 **Sec. 23.** Section 9.060 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as last amended by
3 chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 774, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 9.060 Rules.

6 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
7 Commission shall adopt or amend rules for the Civil Service
8 System, consistent with the provisions of this article. The
9 Commission shall give or cause to be given at least 10 days'
10 notice of the time and place of a public meeting of the
11 Commission on proposed rules by posting the notice and a
12 copy of each proposed rule on the bulletin board of each
13 department and by giving a copy of the notice and
14 each proposed rule to the City Council, the City Manager,
15 each department head, and the president or secretary of each
16 employee organization formally recognized by the City. At
17 the meeting, the Commission shall permit a representative of
18 the City Council or the City Manager, or both, to comment on
19 any proposed rule. Any amendment of the rule governing the
20 number of qualified persons certified to the appointing
21 authority on the Civil Service eligibility list is not effective
22 until the amendment is approved by the City Council.

23 2. The rules adopted by the Commission must provide
24 for the following matters relating to the Civil Service System:

25 (a) The review and approval by the Commission of
26 minimum qualifications set out in class specifications for
27 positions.

28 (b) Procedures for the review by the Commission of the
29 allocation or reallocation of an employee's position pursuant
30 to subsection 4 of section 9.180.

31 (c) Open and promotional recruitment of employees.

32 (d) The development and scoring of examinations of
33 candidates for positions.

34 (e) The development, maintenance and certification of
35 Civil Service eligibility lists, which must include criteria for
36 the use of selective certification as applicable to a position.

37 (f) Procedures for emergency, temporary, provisional and
38 such other types of appointments as the Commission deems
39 desirable to facilitate the business of the City.

40 (g) The establishment of probationary periods, procedures
41 for the confirmation of employees into the Civil Service
42 System after completion of any applicable probationary
43 period, and procedures for the dismissal of probationary
44 employees, including, without limitation, the identification of
45 circumstances in which a probationary employee, including,



1 without limitation, a promoted employee, may not be
2 dismissed by the head of a department without right of
3 appeal.

4 (h) Procedures for the promotion of employees and any
5 right of promoted employees to return to their previous
6 positions.

7 (i) Procedures for the transfer and layoff of employees.

8 (j) Procedures for investigating and hearing appeals
9 relating to the discipline or discharge of employees or alleged
10 violations of the rules of the Commission.

11 3. A copy of all rules adopted and all changes in them
12 must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk. The Commission
13 shall cause the rules and all changes in them to be distributed
14 as it deems necessary, except that the Commission shall cause
15 a copy to be made available to all officers and employees of
16 the City on the City's Internet website or in such other format
17 as the Commission determines is appropriate.

18 4. The head of each department may adopt procedures
19 for the governance of ~~his or her~~ *the* department not
20 inconsistent with this article or the rules of the Commission
21 adopted thereunder.

22 5. As used in this section, "selective certification" means
23 the certification of a person for inclusion on a Civil Service
24 eligibility list for a position based upon specialized
25 knowledge, skills or abilities of the person, in addition to
26 those required to meet the minimum qualifications for the
27 position, that are required to perform the duties of the
28 position successfully.

29 **Sec. 24.** Section 9.100 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
30 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as amended by chapter
31 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 775, is hereby amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Sec. 9.100 Reports of employee performance. The
34 Commission shall have authority to require from time to time
35 reports on the performance and efficiency of employees. Each
36 employee shall be entitled to see all such reports concerning
37 ~~him or her~~ *the employee.*

38 **Sec. 25.** Section 9.130 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
39 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, at page 886, is hereby
40 amended to read as follows:

41 Sec. 9.130 Return to Civil Service. An employee with
42 confirmed Civil Service rating who is appointed to an exempt
43 position shall not lose ~~his or her~~ *the employee's* Civil
44 Service rating while serving in that exempt position.



1 **Sec. 26.** Section 9.180 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as amended by chapter
3 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 776, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 9.180 Classification plan: Preparation;
6 requirements; review of classification.

7 1. The City Manager or ~~his or her~~ *the* designee *of the*
8 *City Manager* shall:

9 (a) Prepare, maintain and, as necessary, revise a
10 classification plan for all positions in the Civil Service.

11 (b) Allocate each position in the Civil Service to a class
12 set forth in the classification plan.

13 2. Each class of employees that is set forth in the
14 classification plan must include, without limitation, a title, a
15 definition or statement of the characteristics of the class, a list
16 of typical tasks or examples of the duties of the class, a list of
17 the knowledge, skills and abilities required for employees in
18 the class, a statement that describes the minimum
19 qualifications of employees in the class and any other
20 information that the City Manager determines is necessary for
21 the proper classification and supervision of positions in the
22 Civil Service. The minimum qualifications shall be subject to
23 review and approval by the Commission as part of its
24 responsibility for recruiting and selecting employees.

25 3. The City Manager shall allocate positions into each
26 class by grouping positions that have similar qualifications
27 and levels of difficulty and responsibility such that the
28 similarities justify similar treatment.

29 4. Any employee in the Civil Service who is adversely
30 affected by the allocation or reallocation of ~~his or her~~ *the*
31 position *of the employee* to a class pursuant to subsection 1
32 may request to have the classification reviewed by the
33 Commission. A request for such a review must be submitted
34 to the Commission not more than 30 calendar days after the
35 employee receives notification of the allocation or
36 reallocation of the employee's position by the City Manager.

37 5. In reviewing the allocation or reallocation of an
38 employee's position pursuant to subsection 4, the
39 Commission shall make findings as to the duties,
40 responsibilities and qualifications of the position. If the
41 Commission finds that a position is not classified correctly,
42 the Commission shall notify the City Council and City
43 Manager of its findings. Upon receiving such notification, the
44 City Council shall review the findings of the Commission
45 and, if approved by the City Council, the City Manager shall



1 allocate or reallocate the position to a class pursuant to the
2 findings of the Commission.

3 **Sec. 27.** Section 9.260 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
4 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as amended by chapter
5 373, Statutes of Nevada 1979, at page 646, is hereby amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 9.260 Duties and authority of City Manager.

8 1. All employees in the Civil Service, other than those
9 employed by the Commission, shall hold their positions at the
10 pleasure of the City Manager and shall perform their assigned
11 duties under ~~[his or her]~~ the direction ~~[,]~~ of the *City
12 Manager*, subject to the provisions of this article. No
13 employee in the Civil Service shall be suspended, demoted,
14 dismissed or disciplined except as provided in this article.

15 2. The City Manager or ~~[his or her]~~ a delegate of the
16 *City Manager* may bring disciplinary action against any
17 employee in the Civil Service who:

18 (a) Is unable to or fails for any reason to perform ~~[his or
19 her]~~ the duties of the employee properly and efficiently.

20 (b) Is guilty of any actions which reduce ~~[his or her]~~ the
21 effectiveness of the employee as an employee or bring
22 discredit on the City service.

23 (c) Has violated any provision of this article or of
24 Commission rules.

25 3. The City Manager shall immediately report any
26 suspension of more than 3 days or any action of demotion or
27 termination to the Secretary of the Commission and at the
28 same time deliver to the Secretary and to the affected
29 employee copies of a complaint setting forth the action taken
30 and the reasons for that action, with the name of the original
31 complainant if other than the City Manager.

32 4. Whenever a written complaint against any employee
33 in the Civil Service is made to the City Manager ~~[he or she]~~,
34 the *City Manager* shall immediately communicate it to the
35 Secretary of the Commission.

36 5. The City Manager or ~~[his or her]~~ a delegate of the
37 *City Manager* have the authority to adjust an employee's
38 salary within the salary range for the class on the basis of
39 quality and quantity of the employee's work. The
40 Commission shall by rule provide for appeals from such
41 adjustment on a showing that it was made principally for
42 disciplinary purposes.



1 **Sec. 28.** Section 9.270 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 553, Statutes of Nevada 1973, as last amended by
3 chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 777, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 9.270 Appeals to the Commission.

6 1. An employee in the Civil Service who has been
7 suspended for a period of more than 3 days or who is the
8 subject of an action by the City Manager to demote or
9 terminate ~~him or her~~ *the employee* may appeal such action
10 to the Commission by serving the Secretary of the
11 Commission with a written notice of appeal within 10 days
12 after such action. The Commission shall set the time for
13 hearing the appeal not less than 5 nor more than 15 days after
14 the date of service of the notice of appeal.

15 2. The Commission shall adopt a rule for hearing such
16 appeals and making any investigations it deems appropriate.
17 The City Attorney or, if applicable, special counsel retained
18 pursuant to section 3.070 shall represent the interest of the
19 City in appeals to the Commission.

20 3. In connection with any hearing or investigation
21 contemplated by this article each member of the Commission
22 may administer oaths, secure by subpoena the attendance of
23 witnesses residing within 50 miles of the City and the
24 production of books and papers relevant to the hearing or
25 investigation, compel witnesses to answer and punish for
26 contempt in the same manner as provided by law for the
27 governing of trials before justices of the peace for failure to
28 answer or produce books and other evidence necessary for the
29 hearing. All witnesses must be under oath. The accused has
30 the right to be heard in person and by attorney in ~~this or her~~
31 ~~own~~ *the defense of the accused* and is entitled to secure the
32 attendance of witnesses at the expense of the City if within
33 the reach of the Commission's subpoena and necessary for
34 ~~this or her~~ *the defense of the accused*. Upon a showing of
35 necessity an accused may secure from the Commission an
36 order requiring the taking of depositions of witnesses who are
37 necessary to ~~this or her~~ *the defense of the accused* and not
38 within the reach of a subpoena. The Commission shall
39 determine to what extent the expense of such depositions will
40 be paid for by the City. Hearings on appeal must be reported
41 and may be transcribed if a transcript is necessary for a
42 deliberation of the Commission or for an appeal to the district
43 court. The Commission shall render its decision within 7 days
44 after the date of the hearing.



1 4. The action taken by the City Manager may be
2 affirmed, modified or revoked by the Commission. If the
3 Commission finds that the reason for which the action was
4 taken is insufficient or conflicts with the provisions of this
5 Charter, the Civil Service rules and regulations, or any
6 applicable law, it must modify or revoke the action.

7 5. The Commission shall adopt a rule for the hearing and
8 disposition of appeals concerning procedures or the content of
9 examinations.

10 **Sec. 29.** Section 9.290 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
11 being chapter 533, Statutes of Nevada 1973, at page 890, is hereby
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 9.290 Salary of suspended, demoted or disciplined
14 employee. No employee shall be deprived of any salary or
15 wages for the period of time ~~[he or she]~~ *the employee* may be
16 suspended, demoted or dismissed pending a hearing and
17 decision unless such disciplinary action or removal shall be
18 sustained by the Commission.

19 **Sec. 30.** Section 15 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017,
20 at page 4203, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 15. ~~[1.]~~ This section and sections 1, 3, 6 to 9,
22 inclusive, *and* 11 ~~[and 13]~~ of this act become effective on
23 July 1, 2017.

24 ~~[2. Sections 2, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 14 of this act become~~
25 ~~effective:~~

26 ~~—(a) On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of passing~~
27 ~~ordinances, establishing the boundaries of the additional ward~~
28 ~~created by the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of~~
29 ~~the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act,~~
30 ~~changing the boundaries of the first through fifth wards to~~
31 ~~comply with the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of~~
32 ~~the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act, and~~
33 ~~performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are~~
34 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and~~

35 ~~—(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.]~~

36 **Sec. 31.** Sections 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of chapter 584,
37 Statutes of Nevada 2017, at pages 4197, 4198, 4201, 4202 and 4203,
38 are hereby repealed.

39 **Sec. 32.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
40 approval.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

Section 2 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 2. Section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1365, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.050 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

1. The City must be divided into ~~five~~ *six* wards, which must be as nearly equal in population as can be conveniently provided. The territory comprising each ward must be contiguous, except that if any territory of the City which is not contiguous to the remainder of the City does not contain sufficient population to constitute a separate ward, it may be placed in any ward of the City.

2. The boundaries of the wards must be established and changed by ordinance, passed by a vote of at least five-sevenths of the City Council. The boundaries of the wards:

(a) Must be changed whenever the population, as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent.

(b) May be changed to include territory that has been annexed, or whenever the population in any ward exceeds the population in another ward by more than 5 percent by any measure that is found to be reliable by the City Council.

Section 4 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 4. Section 1.070 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 163, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 767, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.070 Elective offices: Vacancies.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vacancy in the City Council or in the office of City Attorney or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote of the members of the City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. A person may be



selected to fill a prospective vacancy in the City Council before the vacancy occurs. In filling a prospective vacancy, each member of the Council, except any member whose term of office expires before the occurrence of the vacancy, may participate in any action taken by the Council pursuant to this section. The appointee must have the same qualifications as are required of the elective official. The appointee shall serve until the next general municipal election and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

2. If a prospective vacancy or vacancy occurs in the office of a City Council Member, in lieu of appointment, the City Council may, by resolution, declare a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The resolution declaring a special election must be adopted within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy and must state the date set by the City Council for the special election. In the case of a prospective vacancy, the Council may adopt the resolution before the vacancy occurs, but the special election may not be held until after the vacancy occurs. The special election must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the resolution declaring the special election and section 5.030 of this Charter. A person elected to fill a vacancy at a special election must have the same qualifications as are required of the elected official.

3. A candidate at a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of a City Council Member ~~[who represents a ward]~~ must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.

Section 5 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 5. Section 2.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 1366, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.010 Mayor and City Council: Qualifications; election; term of office; salary.

1. The legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council consisting of six Council Members and a Mayor.

2. The Mayor and Council Members must be qualified electors within the City. Each Council Member elected from a ward must continue to live in that ward for as long as he or she represents the ward.



3. The Mayor ~~[and one Council Member represent]~~ *represents* the City at large and one Council Member represents each ward. The Mayor and Council Members serve for terms of 4 years.

4. The Mayor and Council Members are entitled to receive a salary in an amount fixed by the City Council.

Section 10 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 10. Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1828, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.010 General elections.

1. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the general election, a Municipal Judge, who holds office for a term of 6 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

2. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2002, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the general election, a Mayor, Council Members from the second and fourth wards, and a City Attorney, all of whom hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

3. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each successive interval of 6 years, there must be elected at the general election, one or more Municipal Judges, other than the Municipal Judge referred to in subsection 1, all of whom hold office for a term of 6 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

4. On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2004, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the general election, Council Members from the first, third and fifth wards ~~[and one Council Member at large.]~~ all of whom hold office for a term of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

5. *On the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2024, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected at the general election a Council Member from*



the sixth ward, who holds office for a term of 4 years and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified.

6. In the general election:

(a) A candidate for the office of Council Member ~~[who represents a ward]~~ must be elected only by the registered voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.

(b) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Municipal Judge ~~[.]~~ and City Attorney ~~[and Council Member at large]~~ must be elected by the registered voters of the city at large.

Section 12 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 12. Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1829, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 Primary elections; declaration of candidacy.

1. A candidate for any office to be voted for at an election must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk. All filing fees collected by the City Clerk must be deposited to the credit of the General Fund of the City.

2. If for any general election, there are three or more candidates for any office to be filled at that election, a primary election for any such office must be held on the date fixed by the election laws of the State for statewide elections, at which time there must be nominated candidates for the office to be voted for at the next general election. If for any general election there are two or fewer candidates for any office to be filled at that election, their names must not be placed on the ballot for the primary election but must be placed on the ballot for the general election. The general election must be held on the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election.

3. In the primary election:

(a) The names of the two candidates for Municipal Judge, City Attorney or a particular City Council seat, as the case may be, who receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

(b) Candidates for Council Member who represent a specific ward must be voted upon only by the registered voters of ~~[that]~~ *the* ward ~~[.]~~ *that the candidate seeks to represent.*



(c) Candidates for Mayor, Municipal Judge ~~[]~~ and City Attorney ~~[and Council Member at large]~~ must be voted upon by all registered voters of the City.

Section 13 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 13. After the completion of the 2020 decennial census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, and before January 1, 2024, the City Council of the City of Reno shall establish the boundaries of the additional ward created by the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act, which must be designated the sixth ward, and change the boundaries of the first through fifth wards to comply with the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act.

Section 14 of chapter 584, Statutes of Nevada 2017:

Sec. 14. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2.010 and 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by sections 5 and 10 of this act:

1. A Council Member of the City of Reno who holds office on January 1, 2024:

(a) If elected or appointed to represent a ward, shall continue to represent that ward for the remainder of his or her term of office.

(b) If elected or appointed to represent the City at large, shall continue to represent the City at large for the remainder of his or her term of office.

2. The sixth ward created by the provisions of section 1.050 of the Charter of the City of Reno, as amended by section 2 of this act, must be filled initially at the general election held on the date fixed by the election laws of the State for the statewide general election in November 2024 and shall not be deemed to be vacant before that time.

