March 18, 2020

**Effective for the next thirty (30) days**

ENFORCEMENT OF NEVADA HEALTH RESPONSE COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION INITIATIVE

Re: Advisement to nightclubs, strip clubs, casinos, auditoriums, large conference rooms, meeting halls, cafeterias, restaurants, bars, pubs, wineries, breweries, coffee shops, gyms, health clubs, fitness centers, yoga, barre and spin facilities, shopping malls, theaters, barber shops, spas, tanning, waxing hair, and nail salons within the City of Reno

The City of Reno appreciates all businesses within the community and would like to first thank you for being an invested partner in our community. The City of Reno acknowledges the benefits of businesses as they provide employment for our residents and contribute to the local economy and tax base. Unfortunately, the country, the state of Nevada, and our City of Reno are currently dealing with the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency and has mandated the closure of several businesses to include, but are not limited to: nightclubs, strip clubs, casinos, auditoriums, large conference rooms, meeting halls, cafeterias, restaurants, bars, pubs, wineries, breweries, coffee shops, gyms, health clubs, fitness centers, yoga, barre and spin facilities, shopping malls, theaters, barbershops, spas, tanning, waxing hair, and nail salons.

The City of Reno will have staff working every day to ensure compliance with the Governor’s ordered business closures.

Please be advised, the Governor’s order is in effect for thirty (30) days from today’s date (March 18, 2020). The City of Reno will make every effort to inform all business owners if the order is lifted earlier than expected or extended for an additional period. Please keep abreast of all information related to COVID-19 with our local and national media in print, radio, television, and online.

The City of Reno is requesting and hoping that this current crisis can be addressed in collaboration with all residents and business owners. The City of Reno has no desire to take enforcement action on businesses. However, under the authority provided in NRS 414 and RMC Chapters 4.04 & 8.34, the City can enforce the Governor’s order through multiple actions, which include, but are not limited to: citations up to $1,000 per day, misdemeanor citations, and summary suspension or revocation of a business license. Enforcement action may be taken against owners or employees in control of the business.

Please take this advisement as an opportunity to comply with the Governor’s order. The State of Nevada is under a “State of Emergency.” Our collective success is reliant on how quickly we can minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the community. If you have any questions or seek clarification on allowable business activity for individual business, please feel free to contact the City at businesslic@reno.gov.

Thank you in advance for complying, and thank you for assisting the City of Reno in keeping our community safe. Remember, the goal of this initiative is to protect the health and safety of Nevadans by preventing people coming together unnecessarily, where people who have the infection can easily spread it to others.