WHAT IS THE ORDINANCE?

North Las Vegas Municipal Code 9.08.050 declares public nuisance to be a misdemeanor crime punishable by a fine of up to $1,000.00 and up to 6 months in jail.

Every place wherein:
- Gambling or bookmaking without a license is conducted
- Fighting between animals or birds is conducted
- Intoxicated persons are kept for unlawful use
- Drug paraphernalia or controlled substances are unlawfully kept
- Excessive or prohibited noise originates
- Fighting or disruptive behavior by residents or visitors regularly occurs
is a public nuisance.

Every act that:
- Arrows, arrows or endangers safety, health or comfort of the public
- Offends public decency
- Lawfully obstructs streets, highways or public places
is a public nuisance.

Every person who commits, maintains or permits public nuisance is guilty of public nuisance and is subject to arrest or citation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am the owner of the property and not the tenant, can I still be held accountable for my tenant’s actions or the way they keep the property?
A: Yes, Municipal Code 9.08.050 subsection E states; that as the owner of the property you are just as responsible and should be aware of how the property is being used. It is also your responsibility to remove anyone on your property who are creating nuisances.

Q: Neither myself nor my family are comfortable using our local park because there are always teenagers hanging out and playing loud music. Will this ordinance address that?
A: Yes, under this new ordinance, if there is an act that in any way renders a considerable number of persons the feeling of being insecure or causes the loss of use of property, the police can cite or arrest the offenders for creating a public nuisance.

Q: The kids in my neighborhood are forever blocking the streets or making it hard for drivers to navigate the neighborhood due to skateboarding and basketball games. Will this ordinance assist in this?
A: Yes, the ordinance makes it unlawful to obstruct or interfere with the safe passage of pedestrians or vehicles on city streets and walkways.

Q: I am a day sleeper, but in my neighborhood it’s hard. Police respond to my neighbor’s house five to three times a week and on the weekends on a regular basis. What can be done?
A: The public nuisance ordinance was established to address such issues. In fact, it states that disorderly or disruptive behavior occurring by residents and/or visitors, that regularly requires a response by the police, is considered a public nuisance.