



# PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

"Have A Good Time; Be A Good Neighbor"



## NORTH LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1301 East Lake Mead Blvd.  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030  
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North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031  
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### 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
- Intoxicating liquors 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:

- Annoys, injures or endangers safety, health or comfort of the public
- Offends public decency
- Unlawfully 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 any persons on your property who are causing 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 their 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 two 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.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE AT THE SOURCE OF THE NUISANCE?

Officer(s) will arrive and ask to speak to the responsible party (i.e. owner, tenant). Police will identify the nuisance that is being perceived. Police may simply give a warning at this point, however, if forced to return they may issue citations or even make arrests.

### REFERRALS

Emergency Police or Fire .....	911
Non-Emergency Police .....	311 or (702) 633-9111
Abandoned Shopping Carts.....	1-800-252-4613
Abandoned Vehicles on the Street.....	(702) 633-1390
Animal Control .....	(702) 633-1750
Building Complaints.....	(702) 633-1922
Building Permits .....	(702) 633-1536
Business Licensing.....	(702) 633-1520
Debris in the Street .....	(702) 633-1313
Environmental Hazards.....	(702) 633-1290
Graffiti Removal.....	(702) 633-1871
Neighborhood Watch/Community Services .....	(702) 633-1808
Park Maintenance.....	(702) 633-1256
Street Lights.....	(702) 633-1264
Street Repair .....	(702) 633-1313
Traffic.....	(702) 633-1740
Traffic Signals/Lights/Signs .....	(702) 633-1264
Water Waste.....	(702) 633-1216
Water Shutoff .....	(702) 633-1275

### NORTH LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPT. LOCATION & HOURS

1301 E. Lake Mead (corner of Lake Mead and Bruce)  
North Las Vegas, NV 89030  
3755 W. Washburn (Corner of Washburn and Allen)  
North Las Vegas, NV 89031  
Patrol and Operation Hours: Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
Administration Hours: Mon-Thur 8:00am - 6:00pm

### MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

North Las Vegas is "Your Community of Choice", whether you work, live, or play here. You are part of a wonderful and complex group of diverse peoples, each contributing to our growing City. As Chief of the North Las Vegas Police Department, I, along with those under my command, continue to strive toward creating a spirit of community partnership in an effort to provide you with a safe and livable community.

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