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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 26, 2017

DATE: September 5, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Corey A. Solferino, Sergeant – Administrative Bureau / Training
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THROUGH: Chuck Allen, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Approve recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners designate two pre-determined parking stalls at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for purposes of establishing an E-Commerce zone. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 297 (AB 297) which becomes effective on October 1, 2017. AB 297 created a requirement that at least 1 Sheriff Station within each county have a designated E-Commerce zone. This zone shall be identified as a place where two or more parties may meet to complete the sale of an item of personal property that was initiated on the Internet. The Sheriff's Office has identified a place which is high-traffic, well lit, under video surveillance, and conforms to the provisions set forth in AB 297.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

BACKGROUND

Historically, engaging in Internet exchange transactions across the country have resulted in some sort of victimization occasionally ending with a violent encounter where the consumer was misled by the merchant regarding the sale of real property. The E-Commerce zone was created to identify a safe location in view of the public where these transactions could occur without fear of victimization. The 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 297 (AB 297) which becomes effective on October 1, 2017. AB 297 creates an act relating to local government; requiring, with certain exceptions, each governing body of a county, city or town to designate at least one sheriff's office or police station, as applicable, as a site for the completion of the sale of personal property initiated on the Internet; providing immunity from liability to counties,

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cities, towns, sheriffs, police departments and officers and employees thereof for certain incidents that occur at such sites; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is limited fiscal impact to Washoe County. The parking stalls for the exchange zone have been identified and the Sheriff's Office is working with the Roads Department to craft the appropriate signage.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners designate two pre-determined parking stalls at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for purposes of establishing an E-Commerce zone.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree to the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners designate two pre-determined parking stalls at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for purposes of establishing an E-Commerce zone."