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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 11, 2021

DATE: May 5, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation and possible action to approve an amendment to the Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”) to allow adult entertainment establishments, nightclubs, and dayclubs, as outlined in section 27 of Directive 021, to be opened prior to the current date of June 1, 2021 as included in the original Plan, and direction to staff to submit the amended Plan for information to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force (“Task Force”) as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 044 (“the Directive”).

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Board of County Commissioner will review and possibly approve an amendment to the local authority mitigation and enforcement plan to allow adult entertainment establishments, nightclubs, and dayclubs as identified in section 27 of Directive 021 to be opened as of 11:59pm on May 11, 2021. The currently approved plan allows nightclubs to be opened on June 1, 2021 and a request has been made to allow those uses to be opened similar to all other businesses allowed within our local authority plan.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

May 3, 2021 The Board of County Commissioners approved an endorsed Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”), as the final Local Plan for Washoe County as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 041 (“the Directive”) and authorized submission to the State COVID Task Force.

April 13, 2021 The Board of County Commissioners gave direction to staff related to the proposed Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”), for approval as the final Local Plan for Washoe County as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 041 (“the Directive”) and authorized submission to the State COVID Task Force.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

April 8, 2021 The Board of County Commissioners gave direction to staff related to the proposed Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”), for approval as the final Local Plan for Washoe County as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 041 (“the Directive”) and requested a Special Meeting for April 14, 2021 to review and possibly approve the plan.

January 4, 2021 the Interlocal Agreement for Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID-19 was updated to remove Aaron Kenneston as Incident Commander to be replaced by David Solaro, Assistant County Manager for Washoe County. The Interlocal was agreed to by the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County and the Washoe County Health District.

May 8, 2020 the Interlocal Agreement for Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID-19 was updated to remove Sam Hicks as Incident Commander to be replaced by Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager. The Interlocal was agreed to by the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County and the Washoe County Health District.

March 31, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners accepted and ratified an Interlocal Agreement for Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID-19 delegating certain authority and responsibility for operational control and management only of the COVID 19 response from Washoe County, the City of Reno, City of Sparks and the Washoe County Health District to Incident Commander Sam Hicks, describes and limits the duties and responsibilities of the Incident Commander, and provides for the negotiation of a cost sharing agreement between the Parties.

BACKGROUND

After the approval by the Board of County Commissioners on May 3, 2021 of the endorsed Local Authority plan Washoe County Manager Eric Brown received a letter granting local authority from the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force. Declaration of Emergency, Directive 044 allows for the Board of County Commissioners to revise the plan at a public meeting.

A request has been made to allow adult entertainment establishments, nightclubs, and dayclubs to re-open like all other businesses within Washoe County, using the same restrictions related to capacity, hygiene, and any other directives still in place during the month of May.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is uncertain what the fiscal impact of this action will be for Washoe County.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve an amendment to the Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”) to allow adult entertainment establishments, nightclubs, and dayclubs, as outlined in section 27 of Directive 021, to be opened prior to the current date of June 1, 2021 as included in the original Plan, and direction to staff to submit the amended Plan for information to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force (“Task Force”) as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 044 (“the Directive”)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be:
“Move to approve an amendment to the Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“the Plan”) to allow adult entertainment establishments, nightclubs, and dayclubs, as outlined in section 27 of Directive 021, to be opened prior to the current date of June 1, 2021 as included in the original Plan, and direction to staff to submit the amended Plan for information to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force (“Task Force”) as required by the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, Directive 044 (“the Directive”).”