

RESOLUTION NO. 2699

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS SUPPORTING PASSAGE BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OF H.R. 7247, APEX AREA TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

WHEREAS, the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (“Apex Act”) provided Clark County, Nevada, with the option to acquire certain federal land referred to as the Apex Site for use as sites for industries that generate hazardous materials (including the Kerr-McGee site); and

WHEREAS, the Apex Act listed specific entities that could participate in the permitting, granting of rights-of-way, and other streamlined processes with the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”); and

WHEREAS, Clark County has sold all lands it purchased through the Apex Act to private parties who are members of the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association; and

WHEREAS, the majority of lands within the Apex Site have been annexed to the City of North Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, United States Congressman Steven Horsford introduced bill H.R. 7247 in the 117th Congress (2021-2022), known as the “Apex Area Technical Corrections Act” (“H.R. 7247”); and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7247 seeks to revise language in the Apex Act to reflect the current jurisdictions affecting the lands of the Apex Site, including both the City of North Las Vegas and Clark County; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7247 also ensures the ability of BLM to grant utility and transportation rights-of-way to the City of North Las Vegas, Clark County, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association for development of the Apex Site lands as originally intended by the Apex Act, and allowing such grant-holders to permit other parties to use the lands covered by such rights-of-way, according to the grant-holder’s permitting process; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7247 makes an Apex Site-specific change to the treatment of surface minerals, which may be moved for the specific purposes of grading and development to avoid triggering unnecessary burdensome paperwork; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7247 was carefully crafted in partnership with BLM technical assistance, the City of North Las Vegas staff, and Apex Site owners and developers; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7247 will not cause any stakeholders to lose any authorities or privileges and no changes have been made to the actual process of obtaining rights-of-way pursuant to the Apex Act. H.R. 7247 simply seeks to fix an inadvertently broken system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, does hereby direct the City Manager or his designee, as time allows, to communicate to appropriate individuals, the City Council's general support of H.R. 7247.

RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor John J. Lee

ATTEST:

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk