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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2015

**DATE:** September 3, 2015

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Charles Moore, Fire Chief, TMFPD  
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**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, and if supported direct staff to set a second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance. (All Commission Districts)

### SUMMARY

Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, 2015, and if supported direct staff to set a second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** *Sustainable Economic, Natural, Organizational and Social Resources: High Quality of life.*

### PREVIOUS ACTION

See attached letter dated August 11, 2015, from the John Slaughter, County Manager to Washoe County Clerk Nancy Parent.

August 25, 2015, the Board approved a request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe county Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, and the 2012 Northern Nevada Fire Amendments and other matters relating to the provisions of Chapter 60, effective September 13, 2013; and direct the County Clerk to

submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code section 2.030 and 2.040

### **BACKGROUND**

Currently the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District enforces the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code, with adopted amendments in Washoe Code Chapter 60. In September 2013, the department adopted amendments to the 2012 International Fire and International Wildland Urban Interface Codes, but was asked not to include the provisions for the prohibition of the possession, manufacture, sale and use of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets. In January of 2015, the Board of Fire Commission requested we revisit the amendment to Chapter 56: Explosives and examine some language to increase the safety of the residents of the County. If adopted, this amendment will bring Washoe County closer to having consistent requirements for the possession, manufacture, sale and use of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets. All surrounding jurisdictions, which include the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection district, North Lyon County Fire Protection District and Carson City Fire, prohibit the possession, manufacture, sale and use of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets. The Bureau of Land Management has also proposed prohibition, year-round, of all exploding targets on all public lands.

To the *International Fire Code Section 5601.1.6*, TMFPD wishes to add the following language:

#### Exception:

1. Private property owners and owners of licensed shooting ranges and facilities associated with licensed shooting ranges may possess exploding targets, and use those exploding targets on those properties, following application and approval of a permit obtained from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, which shall approve such permits only upon a showing of compliance with the International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code as adopted by the Washoe County Commission at Washoe County Code Chapter 60.

The purpose of these codes is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life-safety and property protection from fire, explosion, and/or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises, the construction, alteration, movement, repair, maintenance and use of any building, structure or premises within the wildland urban interface areas, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations in this jurisdiction. TMFPD feels that this is a reasonable accommodation affording regulation and safety for its residents, while still allowing this recreational activity.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, and if supported direct staff to set a second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*“I move to introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, and if supported direct staff to set a second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance.*



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August 11, 2015

Nancy Parent  
Washoe County Clerk  
P.O. Box 11130  
Reno, Nevada 89520

Re: Request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, effective July 1, 2015; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts)

Dear Ms. Parent,

In accordance with WCC 2.030, I request that you initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60, containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, effective October 1, 2015.

Attached is a proposed staff report requesting that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed changes and instruct you to direct the District Attorney to prepare a code amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Slaughter", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Slaughter  
Washoe County Manager

REGULAR TEXT: NO CHANGE IN LANGUAGE

~~STRIKEOUT TEXT: DELETED LANGUAGE~~

**BOLD TEXT: NEW LANGUAGE**

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Notice: Per NRS 239B.030, this document does not contain personal information as defined in NRS 603A.040

Summary: An ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 60 (Fire Prevention and Protection) by adding to the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code Section 5601.1.6, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of exploding targets, including binary targets, within Washoe County, and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 60 (Fire Prevention and Protection) by adding to the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code Section 5601.1.6, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of exploding targets, including binary targets, within Washoe County; requiring the issuance of a permit by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District prior to use of any such exploding targets to assure compliance with the International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

WHEREAS:

A. The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the Washoe County Code at Chapter 60 by making illegal the manufacture and sale of exploding targets, including binary targets, with Washoe County; requiring the issuance of a permit by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District prior to use of any such exploding targets to assure compliance with the International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code; and providing for other matters properly related thereto;

**B. Business Impact Statement: No business impact.**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The International Fire Code as adopted by Washoe County and codified at Chapter 60 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**5601.1.6 Exploding targets. The manufacture and sale of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets, are prohibited within Washoe County. The use of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets, are permitted on private property or at licensed shooting ranges and associated facilities. A permit for the possession and use of exploding targets, including binary exploding targets, shall be obtained from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District prior to use to ensure compliance with the International Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code.**

SECTION 2. General Terms.

1. All actions, proceedings, matters and things heretofore taken, had and done by the County and its officers not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are ratified and approved.
2. The Chairman of the Board and the officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. The District Attorney is authorized to make non-substantive edits and corrections to this Ordinance.
3. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance, resolution, bylaw or order, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
4. Each term and provision of this ordinance shall be valid and shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law. If any term or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of law or public policy, then it shall be deemed modified, ipso facto, to bring it within the limits of validity or enforceability, but if it cannot be so modified, then it shall be excised from this ordinance. In any event, the remainder of this ordinance, or the application of such term or provision to

circumstances other than those to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected.

Passage and Effective Date

This ordinance was proposed on \_\_\_\_\_ by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

This ordinance was passed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Those voting "aye" were \_\_\_\_\_.

Those voting "nay" were \_\_\_\_\_.

Those absent were \_\_\_\_\_.

Those abstaining were \_\_\_\_\_.

This ordinance shall be published and shall be in force and effect immediately upon the date of the second publication as set forth in NRS 244.100.

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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Nancy Parent, County Clerk