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Addendum to SB54:

When this bill was being drafted it was recognized that it would affect both owner occupied and rental properties. By municipal statute, property owners, not necessarily the property occupants, are responsible for paying the municipal utility bills. In Carson City, the percentage of water turn offs in 2002 for owner occupied housing was about the same as for rental properties. Still, the incentive for an owner to keep the utilities current so as to avoid a lien is higher than for a tenant, should the tenant be delegated responsibility for keeping the utility charges current by the property owner. To ensure that landlords are aware of any upcoming local ordinance change that would try to take advantage of the new authority granted by SB54 there are several landlord information actions that would be performed.

- 1. A notice in all utility bills describing the lien process for unpaid utility bills.
- 2. Notification to the multiple listing service.
- 3. Publicity in the local newspaper.
- 4. A paid advertisement in the local newspaper.
- 5. An informational note in the next annual property tax bill.
- 6. Direct mail contact with licensed property management companies and known landlords informing them of this change.
- 7. Notification of the Chamber of Commerce.
- 8. Should our billing system permit, a notice on all delinquent bills.

I hope that this list satisfies you as being both informative and proactive.

Thank you.

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