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April 10, 2003

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Sen. Dennis Nolan c/o Nevada Senate 401 S. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701

#### Dear Senator Nolan:

As a follow-up to your conversation with our chief lobbyist, Dan Musgrove, and the discussion of Senate Bill 187 before the Senate Transportation Committee, I wanted to let you know what additional measures Clark County is taking to improve compliance with the requirements for handicapped parking spaces. Representatives from several county departments and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recently met to develop a coordinated program that addresses both new construction and existing businesses. This letter outlines what will be implemented in the next several months, including:

- We are working with area businesses to ensure that they understand what the requirements of the law are vis-à-vis handicapped parking and related signage.
- We have improved our training for building inspectors so that they only sign off on signage once the requirements of the law have been met. Such inspectors are responsible for ensuring that the previously approved plans are followed when construction takes place. County plans checkers are responsible for ensuring that plans submitted meet our criteria, including for handicapped parking.

We also are launching a multifaceted informational campaign designed to improve compliance with handicapped parking laws, including:

- We have created the attached flier for distribution by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department parking enforcement representatives.
- The flier will be sent out with all county business license renewals, which number about 36,000 annually.
- Letters will be sent to Southern Nevada Chambers of Commerce and construction trade groups, asking them to share the information with their members.
- We will send the information to targeted media whose audience is comprised primarily of business readers and viewers (e.g. business sections of the daily newspapers, business weekly newspapers, and business television and radio shows) and suggest that they disseminate the information.

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- We will make the information available on the county website at <u>www.accesselarkcounty.com</u>, which gets more than 5 million hits a month, and we will ask that the information be linked from other business-oriented websites if not posted independently by the hosts of those other websites.
- We will include the item in our electronic newsletter, <u>Sandstone Online</u>, which reaches nearly 900 subscribers and which is viewed by many others when posted to our website.
- We will cablecast information on the county's government access television station, Channel 4.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, as always, please let me know.

Sincerely.

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# REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING SPACES **DESIGNATED FOR HANDICAPPED**

### HANDICAP SPACES

- · Handicap parking spaces must be 8 feet wide.
- Standard handicap parking spaces must have a 5-foot-wide access aisle.
- · Maximum 2% slope (1:48 in all directions).
- · Must be located at nearest possible location to main entrance of building.
- · At buildings with multiple entrances, handicap spaces shall be dispersed and located at accessible entrances.
- A handicap parking space must be indicated by a sign bearing the international symbol of access and words indicating that the space is for the handicapped, and stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for use by others" or equivalent words.
- Bottom of the sign must not be less than 5 feet above ground.

### VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES

- One van accessible parking space shall be provided for every eight accessible parking spaces (based on actual number of total parking spaces).
- Van accessible handicap parking spaces must have an 8-foot-wide access alse.
- . The space adjacent to the parking space designed for a side-loading wheelchair lift vehicle and intended for use in the loading and unloading of that vehicle must be indicated by a sign stating "No Parking" and stating "Minimum fine of \$100 for violation" or equivalent words.
- . Bottom of the sign must not be less than 5 feet above ground.
- Van accessible handicap parking spaces have a minimum height requirement of 98".
- In a parking lot with more than 60 spaces, a parking space designed for exclusive use of a vehicle with side-loading wheelchair lift must be indicated by a sign stating this exclusive use.

Refer to the following standards regarding all above requirements: IBC Chapter 11; ICC/ANSI A117.1-1998; NRS 484.408. numbers 1, 2, 31

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER