

**Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted: February 4, 2011    Agenda Date Requested: Feb. 17, 2011**

**Time Requested: \_10\_ minutes**

**To:** Mayor and Board of Supervisors

**From:** Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney

**Subject Title:** Action to introduce, on first reading, Bill. No.\_\_\_\_, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.35, Fees on Court Actions To Support Pro Bono Programs And To Provide Legal Services to Abused or Neglected Children or Victims of Domestic Violence, by changing the name of Chapter 2.35 to Fees on Court Actions To Support Programs for Legal Aid, Pro Bono Programs And To Provide Legal Services to Abused or Neglected Children or Victims of Domestic Violence, and by amending Section 2.35.010, Fees in District Court, and by amending Section 2.35.020, Fees in Justice Court, to provided for payment of fees to one or more eligible entities, and by amending Section 2.35.030, Collection-Payment to treasurer, to provide for pro-rata payment of fees to eligible entities and other matters properly related thereto. (*Randal Munn*)

**Staff Summary:** The original ordinance assumed the existence of only one organization the would provide pro bono legal aid services to the indigent and be eligible to be compensated from court fees collected pursuant to NRS 19.0312. Over time at least one other entity, that qualifies to share is such fees, has been serving the needs of Carson City residents. This amendment to the CCMC will allow for compensation based upon pro rata share of the actual services provided to the community by qualified entities. In the event of any disputes over the appropriate share of quarterly fees as originally determined by the City Treasurer, the matter may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors for a final decision.

**Type of Action Requested:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance- First Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)                     |

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to introduce, on first reading, Bill. No. \_\_\_\_\_, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.35, Fees on Court Actions To Support Pro Bono Programs And To Provide Legal Services to Abused or Neglected Children or Victims of Domestic Violence, by changing the name of Chapter 2.35 to Fees on Court Actions To Support Programs for Legal Aid, Pro Bono Programs And To Provide Legal Services to Abused or Neglected Children or Victims of Domestic Violence, and by amending Section 2.35.010, Fees in District Court, and by amending Section 2.35.020, Fees in Justice Court, to provided for payment of fees to one or more eligible entities, and by amending Section 2.35.030, Collection-Payment to treasurer, to provide for pro-rata payment of fees to eligible entities and other matters properly related thereto

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Carson City (RSVP), through its Executive Director Janice Ayres, has requested this amendment to the CCMC. It has solicited and received similar changes by other rural governments. As the Code is currently written it does not provide for a system of fair distribution of fees based upon a pro rata basis of services provided.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** Nevada Revised Statutes 19.0312, Carson City Municipal Code Sections 2.35.010, 2.35.020, and 2.35.030.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Alternatives:** 1) Refer back to staff and District Attorney's office for further review  
2) Do not introduce the ordinance (leave the code the same way it is now)

**Supporting Material:**

1) Ordinance

**Prepared By:** Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Civil Division

<b>Reviewed By:</b> _____ (Public Works)	Date: <u>2-8-11</u>
_____	Date: <u>2/8/11</u>
(City Manager)	
_____	Date: <u>2/8/11</u>
(District Attorney)	
_____	Date: <u>2/8/11</u>
(Finance Director)	

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aye/Nay  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Vote Recorded By)

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, CHAPTER 2.35, FEES ON COURT ACTIONS TO SUPPORT PRO BONO PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN OR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF CHAPTER 2.35 TO FEES ON COURT ACTIONS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR LEGAL AID, PRO BONO PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN OR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2.35.010, FEES IN DISTRICT COURT, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2.35.020, FEES IN JUSTICE COURT, TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF FEES TO ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE ENTITIES, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2.35.030, COLLECTION—PAYMENT TO TRESURER, TO PROVIDE FOR PRO-RATA PAYMENT OF FEES TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARSON CITY DO ORDAIN:

Section I: Title 2 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapters:

- 2.02 Board of Supervisors
- 2.04 Classified Service
- 2.06 Unclassified Compensation
- 2.08 Fire Department
- 2.14 Carson City Audit Committee
- 2.16 Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission
- 2.18 Shade Tree Council
- 2.28 Election Board Officers
- 2.29 Payment of Bills
- 2.31 Fees on Court Actions to Support Programs for Court Security
- 2.32 Lost or Abandoned Property
- 2.33 Additional Fees for Dissolution of Marriage
- 2.34 Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials
- 2.35 Fees on Court Actions to Support Programs for Legal Aid, Pro Bono Programs and to Provide Legal Services to Abused or Neglected Children or Victims of Domestic Violence
- 2.36 Fees on Court Actions to Support Program of Mediation
- 2.37 Fees on Court Actions to Support Programs for Prevention and Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol and Drugs