

SUMMARY: Prohibits trespass in closed ski areas, prohibits leaving the scene of a skiing accident without providing assistance, provides penalties for violations and defines relevant terms.

BILL NO. 580

ORDINANCE NO. 412

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC IN AND ABOUT SKI AREAS AND TRAILS; PROHIBITING TRESPASS IN CLOSED SKI TRAILS AND AREAS; PROHIBITING LEAVING THE SCENE OF A SKIING ACCIDENT WITHOUT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1.

Definitions: As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Proper authority" includes the management or employees of a ski area, a member of the ski patrol or any law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his duties.
- 2. "Skiing accident" includes an accident occurring in any ski area which results in or is likely to result in the victim being unable to function in a normal and rational manner.
- 3. "Ski area" includes all ski slopes and ski trails administered or operated within the County.

SECTION 2.

Trespass on closed ski areas prohibited.

- 1. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to ski in a ski area which is closed to the public.
- 2. Knowledge of the closures of any ski area shall be presumed where signs have been conspicuously posted on each side, or upon or near the boundary of the closed area warning persons not to trespass.

SECTION 3.

Leaving scene of skiing accident.

It is unlawful for any person who is involved in a skiing accident to leave the scene of the accident knowing or having reason to believe that any other person involved in the accident is in need of assistance without providing such assistance except that any person may leave the scene of any such accident to notify the proper authority or to obtain assistance.

SECTION 4.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the County jail for not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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SECTION 5.
Effective date.

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Washoe finds that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Proposed on the 19th day of December, 1978.
Proposed by Commissioners: Rusk, Nelson, Farr, Brown & Stoess.
Passed on the 19th day of December, 1978.

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Rusk, Nelson, Farr, Brown & Stoess.

Nays: Commissioners:

Absent: Commissioners:


Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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 CHIEF DEPUTY

County Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 29th day of December, 1978.

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