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DATED this <u>29</u> day of <u>Sept</u>

DISTRICT JUDGE

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Thomas J. Hall, Esq. 305 South Arlington Avenue 2 Reno, Nevada 89505 3 Attorney for Respondent: Capital City Entertainment, Inc. 4 Todd Russell, Esq. Allison, MacKenzie, Hartman, 5 Soumbeniotis & Russell, Ltd. 402 North Division Street 6 Carson City, Nevada 89703 (775) 882-0202 7 Attorney for Respondent: Millard Realty and Construction 8 Sandra-Mae Pickens, Esq. Crowell, Susich, Owen & Tackes, Ltd. 9 510 West Fourth Street Carson City, Nevada 89703 10 (775) 882-1311 11 5. Carson City was represented by Mark Forsberg, Deputy District Attorney and Thomas J. Hall, Esq., at the judicial review hearing on September 17, 1999, in the District Court, and 12 13 will continue representation on appeal to the Supreme Court. Counsel are retained. 6. 14 Carson City filed its Petition for Judicial Review on July 22, 1999. Dated this 15 day of October, 1999. 15 16 **NOEL S. WATERS** District Attorney 17 333 North Curry Street Carson City, Nevada 90703 18 19 MARK FORSBERG 20 Bar No. 4265 **Deputy District Attorney** 21 Attorneys for Carson City 22 23 24 25 26 27



I hereby certify that I am employed by the office of the District Attorney and that on the day of October, 1999, I served the foregoing documents by delivering via United States Mail, postage prepaid, a copy thereof to:

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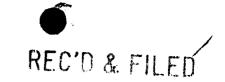
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9/17/99 - DEPT. II - JUDGE FONDI - N. Pieretti, Clerk - C. Wolden, Reporter

HEARING ON PETITION

Present: Mark R. Forsberg, Deputy D.A., and Thomas J. Hall, counsel for Petitioner; James Todd Russell, counsel for Capital City Entertainment; Sandra-Mae Pickens, counsel for Millard Realty & Construction Company. Statements were made by Court, Hall and Pickens.

Evidence marked and admitted in accordance with Exhibit Sheet.

Statements were made by Forsberg.

Hall, Russell & Pickens argued the matter.

COURT ORDERED: It is satisfied that the Nevada statute provides a unique exception to the general case authority cited by the City from Utah, California, Minnesota, and Ohio wherein a different way of acquiring property took place, and that the City must comply with NRS 278.480 and that no payment for the abandonment of the street is due and owing under subsection 7 if the predecessor-in-interest indeed dedicated, which the Court finds that they did by common law action at the time when the streets were paid for and allowed to be used for public use, that the legislature contemplated that that not require compensation to the City for the abandonment. The Court cannot see that this is an isolated issue. The Court thinks that this ruling has to be applicable to all of the downtown area that was affected by this Township Act and conveyance and that includes Mr. Millard and Capital City Entertainment. By the Court's ruling, it is finding that plan and scheme which is supported in Exhibit 1, which is the conveyance by Judge Wright of the property along with tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto, included the Insofar as a declaratory relief is concerned is that Carson City roadways. cannot require payment for those streets pursuant to the statue which the Court has cited, 278.480(7) and that no payment is required. Russell and Pickens to collaborate on an order.

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I hereby certify that I am employed by the Office of the Carson City District Court Clerk, Carson City, Nevada, and that on the 18th day of October, 1999, I deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid, two true and correct certified copies of the following documents addressed to JANETTE BLOOM, Clerk of the Supreme Court, 201 South Carson Street, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV, 89710, pursuant to NRAP 3(e): Notice of Appeal filed October 15, 1999; Case Appeal Statement filed October 15, 1999; Full Case History (Docket Entries) generated October 18, 1999; Order filed September 29, 1999; Notice of Entry of Order filed October 7, 1999; List of Exhibits admitted into evidence; Minutes of the District Court; and this Certificate of Service by Mail filed October 18, 1999. Any Certification Order directing entry of judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b) has not been transmitted because the District Court file does not contain that particular document.

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