

December 11, 2015

City of Sparks Council and Mayor
431 Prater Way
Sparks, NV 89431

Sent via email to: tgardner@cityofsparks.us

Re: Bill No. 2699 (Removal of Plumbing Certification)

Mayor Martini and City Council Members:

As a fifth generation Northern Nevada contracting family since 1893 and as the oldest active contractor in the state (license #10), Savage and Son strongly supports maintaining certifications for individual plumbers within the City of Sparks's jurisdiction. Having certified plumbers in the City of Sparks, is essential to protect and safeguard the public's health.

The issue of certification for plumbers is not about us, it is about the "Big Picture" of public taxpayers, council members and citizens of Sparks. All aspects of plumbing from sanitary waste, vent, storm water (EPA), potable water, natural gas and medical gas are vitally important to be installed by certified professional plumbers. By having certified plumbers, the potential for cross-connection, contamination and illnesses is mitigated.

Our concern is that if the individual certifications are removed from the City of Sparks ordinance, there will not be a minimum standard for the quality of workmanship, safety and training that the City of Sparks deserves.

Please take a moment to wisely consider the best judgement for the foreseeable future here in the City of Sparks.

Savage and Son, Inc. personally proposes to extend this decision in order for all parties (i.e. contractors, developers, building inspectors, and homeowners) to be able to work together and achieve a "common ground" for the benefit of the City of Sparks.

We sincerely and respectfully appreciate the time and effort each one of you have spent on this matter. We are available at any time to discuss in further detail if you wish.

Sincerely,



Len Savage
President

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