



# Fire Department

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April 30, 2018

TO: BUILDING OWNER

RE: Emergency Responder Radio Coverage

The ability for fire department and law enforcement personnel to effectively communicate with each other and their respective dispatch facilities during times of emergencies is of paramount importance. It is these communications that allow the responders the opportunity to quickly address and begin mitigating a wide range of problems that take place on a frequent basis. However, the ability to communicate effectively has been an ongoing and growing problem for responders for several years. Factors ranging from the size and density of large buildings to the increase in various communication platforms that occupy airspace are just a few of the challenges facing that face our communication capabilities.

To address these issues, I have turned to the Clark County Fire Code, specifically Section 510 titled "Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System." A copy of this particular section has been attached to this letter. Sub-section 510.2 addresses the radio system needs in existing buildings.

As outlined in the Code Section 510.2, I am requesting you provide a radio strength study via e-mail to me for evaluation. I will review the study with the "fire code official" who is Jerry Stueve, Director of Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention.

Knowing many of the properties in our area of responsibility have renovations already planned, or are in the concept phase, this seems like a good time to have this study done. This will allow for the results of the study to drive the upgrades and installations of systems that are needed to comply with the code.

Please have the radio strength study completed and returned to us by 1 January 2019. To do so please email the results to: [Gcassell@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Gcassell@clarkcountynv.gov) or [Hattyp@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Hattyp@clarkcountynv.gov).

In order to provide the opportunity for properties to budget and complete any upgrades or system installations that are required to meet compliance with this code, 1 July 2020 has been selected as the date for compliance.

If you feel your property or properties are already in compliance with this code, please respond back in writing to the two email addresses above. In that email, please provide any documentation of previous radio-strength studies performed and/or installation of components to support an operable responder radio system.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Cassell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Cassell".

GREG CASSELL  
Fire Chief

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Enclosure