

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07-073

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 3.7

(Video gambling)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare and to tax; and

WHEREAS, the Video Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 40/1 et seq., which became law on July 13, 2009, authorizes the use of video gaming terminals at certain licensed establishments within the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore has enacted Urbana City Code Chapter 3.7 to regulate amusement devices and gamerooms in the City and Section 14-7 to establish a schedule of fees for the various licenses, permits, fines, and other fees required under the Urbana City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the proliferation of gambling and its potential detrimental impact upon the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a need exists to regulate the locations and activities of gambling establishments within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending said provisions of the Urbana City Code to regulate video gambling in the City will protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and assure compliance with the Video Gaming Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

Urbana City Code Chapter 3.7, "Amusements," Article II, "Amusement Devices and Gamerooms," is hereby amended with the underlined text indicating new language and the strikethrough text indicating deletions as follows:

ARTICLE II. - AMUSEMENT DEVICES; VIDEO GAMBLING TERMINALS; ~~AND~~ GAMEROOMS

Sec. 3.7-11. - Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

Amusement device shall mean and include any device for which a fee is charged for the purpose of entertainment or amusement which returns to the player or operator thereof no money or property or right to receive money or property, or any other such device which, upon insertion of a coin, slug or

token in any slot or receptacle in or attached to such device, operates or is operated for use as entertainment or amusement, including, but not limited to, jukeboxes, motion or still picture viewers, pinball games, video games, air hockey games, electronic games, ~~shuffleboard or shufflebowler games, foosball games~~ and any other such similar devices.

Gameroom shall mean and include any specific place or location owned or leased by any person who displays twenty (20) or more amusement devices as herein defined upon such premises.

Video gambling terminal shall have the same meaning as "video gaming terminal," as set forth in the Video Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 40/1, et seq. as amended.

Sec. 3.7-12. - Imposition of tax and license.

(a) There is hereby imposed, on the privilege of operating every amusement device or gameroom in the city, an annual privilege tax and license for each such amusement device or gameroom.

(b) There is hereby imposed, on the privilege of operating every video gambling terminal in the city, an annual privilege tax and license for each such video gambling terminal.

Sec. 3.7-13. - License required.

Any person who displays any amusement device or video gambling terminal to be played or operated by the public at any place owned or leased by any such person shall, before such person displays such device or terminal, file with the comptroller of the city an application for ~~either~~ a license for each such device or terminal or for a gameroom. Any person who displays any video gambling terminal to be played or operated by the public shall as a prerequisite to receiving any license from the city have a valid license from the State of Illinois for each such terminal, and the loss or suspension of any such license by the State of Illinois shall automatically result in the same status for the license issued hereunder without refund of any license fee.

Sec. 3.7-14. ~~Exemption from license requirement.~~

~~No license for an individual amusement device or a gameroom shall be required under the provisions of this article for any coin-operated or rented radios or television receivers located in hotel or motel rooms, hospital rooms or other such rooms rented for temporary living quarters. Reserved.~~

Sec. 3.7-15. - License application; ~~and~~ issuance; limitations on video gambling terminals.

(a) Any person desiring to display in the city any amusement device or video gambling terminal shall make application for the appropriate license to the comptroller. Each such application shall be accompanied by the required license tax and shall set forth such applicant's name

and address, with a brief description of ~~the each~~ amusement device or video gambling terminal devices to be displayed on the premises where such device or ~~devices terminal~~ will be located, together with such other relevant data or information as the comptroller may require. The Applicant shall include a copy of the license from the State of Illinois for each video gaming terminal on the premises. Upon receipt of the proper application and upon the payment of the tax and license as herein provided, the comptroller shall issue the appropriate license for each such device, terminal, or ~~for a~~ gameroom, which such license shall be issued for a period of one year from July first to June thirtieth in the ensuing year.

- (b) No more than five video gambling terminals may be located on any licensed premises. No more than twelve (12) licensed premises may display video gambling terminals to be played or operated by the public. In the event that all licenses last granted by operation of this section for video gambling terminals at any of the twelve (12) licensed premises lapse or are terminated for any reason, the number of licensed premises authorized by the corporate authorities to display video gambling terminals to be played or operated by the public shall automatically and immediately be reduced by one. Prior to authorizing any new licensed premises to display video gaming terminals under this section, the city council shall convene and conduct a public hearing as necessary to gather additional information on the application or for other good reason.

Sec. 3.7-16. - Display of license; transfer.

- (a) Amusement devices and video gambling terminals. The license for each amusement device or video gambling terminal shall be in the form of a gummed sticker, which shall be serially numbered and shall be securely affixed in plain view to the device for which it is issued. ~~Such An amusement device~~ license may be transferred from one amusement device to another amusement device located on the same premises and owned by the same applicant, provided that any and all such amusement devices so displayed at any one time on such premises shall be licensed as provided herein. A video gambling terminal license is not transferable.
- (b) Gamerooms. A gameroom license shall be in such form as shall be determined from time-to-time by the comptroller and every such gameroom license shall be framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

Sec. 3.7-17. - License fee.

Each applicant for a license required by this ordinance shall pay such amount for such annual privilege tax and license as is set forth and established in section 14-7 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois.

Sec. 3.7-18. - Illegal amusement devices and video gambling terminals prohibited; inspections.

No license shall be issued for any amusement device, video gambling terminal, or ~~for any~~ gameroom which violates the laws of the state or the ordinances of the city. All amusement devices, video gambling terminals, and gamerooms shall be available for inspection by the proper city authorities for the purpose of ascertaining and declaring whether such laws and ordinances are complied with.

Sec. 3.7-19. - Public notice.

Each licensee of a video gambling terminal license shall post a conspicuous sign visible to the public, not less than 8½ inches by 11 inches in size, at the location of the video gambling terminal and inside each public restroom on the licensed premises, bearing the following text:

ARE YOU A PROBLEM GAMBLER? The American Psychiatric Association describes the symptoms of a problem gambler as someone who:

1. is preoccupied with gambling (e.g. preoccupied with reliving past gambling experiences, handicapping or planning the next venture, or thinking of ways to get money with which to gamble)
2. needs to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement
3. has repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling
4. is restless or irritable when attempting to cut down or stop gambling
5. gambles as a way of escaping from problems or of relieving a dysphoric mood (e.g. feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety, depression)
6. after losing money gambling, often returns another day to get even ("chasing" one's losses)
7. lies to family members, therapist, or others to conceal the extent of involvement with gambling
8. has committed illegal acts such as forgery, fraud, theft, or embezzlement to finance gambling
9. has jeopardized or lost a significant relationship, job, or educational or career opportunity because of gambling
10. relies on others to provide money to relieve a desperate financial situation caused by gambling

If this describes YOU, please call the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

Section 2.

Urbana City Code Chapter 14, "Licenses and Permits," Section 14-7, "Schedule of fees," subsection (B), "General," Part 4, "Miscellaneous," subpart (d), "Amusement devices," is hereby amended with the underlined text indicating new language as follows:

1. For each amusement device..... \$ 95.00
2. For game rooms \$1,400.00
(twenty (20) or more devices in the same location)
3. For each video gambling terminal..... .\$ 200.00

Section 3.

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor