

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ILLINOIS VIDEO GAMING ACT AND
PROVIDING FOR VIDEO GAMING IN STAUNTON, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Video Gaming Act as set forth in House Bill 255, House Bill 2424, and Senate Bill 349, was enacted and passed into law on July 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Video Gaming Act legalized the use of video gaming terminals in specified locations in Illinois in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Video Gaming Act; and

WHEREAS, the Video Gaming Act grants to municipalities the ability to require licensing of all video gaming terminals at the municipal level, in addition to any separate licensing of said video gaming terminals which must also occur at the State level through the Illinois Gaming Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City adopts and incorporates the provisions of the Video Gaming Act as set forth in House Bills 255 and 2424, and Senate Bill 349, as if set forth fully herein, including all definitions used in connection with the Video Gaming Act.

SECTION 2 – LICENSING: The City hereby imposes an annual municipal licensing fee of \$25.00 per video gaming terminal as that term is defined in the Video Gaming Act, for each video gaming terminal located in the City of Staunton. The term of this annual license shall run from July 1 through June 30.

SECTION 3 – AMENDMENT: Chapter Seven, Article IV, Section 1 of the Staunton Revised Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

“COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE’ means any amusement machine or device operated by means of the insertion of a coin, token, or currency for the purpose of amusement or skill and for the playing of which a fee is charged. The term includes, but is not limited to juke boxes, electronic video games, pin-ball machines or other similar games. The term does not include vending machines in which there are not incorporated gaming or amusement features. The term also does not include “Video Gaming Terminals” as those machines are defined by the Illinois Video Gaming Act.”

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. However, the annual licensing fees on video gaming terminals created by the adoption of this Ordinance shall not take effect until July 1, 2010, said date to coincide with the annual renewal fees for liquor license holders in the City of Staunton.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Roll Call Vote:

VOTING AYE:

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