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ORDINANCE #906

An Ordinance Amending the Methuen Municipal Code – Chapter 13, Section 13-80
Automatic Amusement Licenses

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the City of Methuen;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED: that Chapter 13, Section 13-40,
Of the Methuen Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

By inserting the following new language therein:

*If a device has one or more of the above characteristics it **MUST** be assigned
Massachusetts Approval Number granted by the Massachusetts Division of
Standards pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 94, §283 before it may be
considered for licensing by the Licensing Board. This will ensure the Licensing
Board as well as the Methuen Police Department that said device is accepted for
use in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and so may be subject to licensing by
the Licensing Board.*

Upon Passage herof the full text of said Chapter 13, Section 13-80, shall read as follows:
(Proposed amendment shown in *italics*)

Section 13.80 Automatic Amusement Devices

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 177A, as amended,
any individual or business desiring to keep and operate an automatic amusement device for hire,
gain or reward shall secure an annual license from the City Council. The City Council shall not
grant a license for any automatic amusement device which presents a risk of misuse as a gaming
device.

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Automatic Amusement devices that present a risk of misuse as gaming devices are those that have one or more of the following:

- The device involves matching random numbers, patterns or cards
- The device accumulates more than twenty-six (26) plays
- The device is equipped with “knock off” switch, button, or similar device
- The device has a mechanism for adjusting the odds
- The device has a remote control feature that can reset the device from another location
- The device is capable of returning money to the player, other than the change for the excess amount put in
- The device permits a player to pay for more than one game at a time

*If a device has one or more of the above characteristics it **MUST** be assigned Massachusetts Approval Number granted by the Massachusetts Division of Standards pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 94, §283 before it may be considered for licensing by the Licensing Board. This will ensure the Licensing Board as well as the Methuen Police Department that said device is accepted for use in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and so may be subject to licensing by the Licensing Board.*

Each game on the device shall cost exactly the same amount for each player and no player may change any aspect of the game by paying a different amount than any other player before or during the game. There shall be no metering device that accounts for both money points in and money points out.

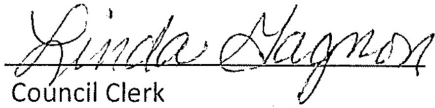
The maximum number of automatic amusement devices allowed on any single business premises shall be four (4) except in the case of duly licensed arcades and amusement parks. Any individual or business desiring more than four (4) automatic amusement devices on a single business premises shall require a special permit from the Licensing Board. A license for automatic amusement devices granted by the City Council shall be subject to inspections by the Methuen Police Department to insure conformance with this amusement device ordinance and the submitted application information. Any unlicensed automatic amusement device shall be subject to immediate seizure by the Methuen Police Department.

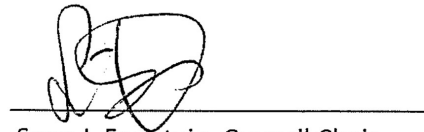
(Ord. #703, Effective September 6th, 2000)

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First Read: May 16, 2016
Adopted: June 6, 2016
Effective: July 6, 2016

I do hereby certify that at a meeting of which a quorum was present, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Methuen City Council by a unanimous vote on June 6, 2016.

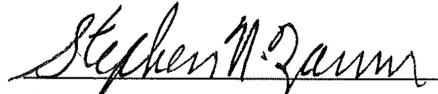

Council Clerk


Sean J. Fountain, Council Chair

Approved under MHRC Sec. 3-6

Date: 6/20/16

Approved:


Stephen N. Zanni, Mayor