

BILL NO. 951ORDINANCE NO. 936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, CONCERNING THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF POOL HALLS, SNOOKER PARLORS, RECREATION PARLORS AND AMUSEMENT DEVICES, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 25-1 AND 25-2 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 25-3, 25-9, 25-10, 25-11, 25-12 AND 25-13 OF THE CITY CODE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANDED HOURS OF OPERATION OF POOL HALLS, SNOOKER PARLORS AND RECREATION PARLORS, AND SETTING CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO MAY FREQUENT POOL HALLS, SNOOKER PARLORS AND RECREATION PARLORS, AND REGULATING THE EMPLOYEES THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEOSHO, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: Section 25-1 of the Neosho City Code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 25-1. Allowing minors to play, etc.; written consent for minors under age 16.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any pool hall, snooker parlor, billiard parlor or recreation parlor to allow any person under the age of 16 years to play on any pool table, or operate any coin operated amusement device, or frequent any recreation parlor without the written consent of the father, mother or guardian of such minor. Such written consent shall be on file at the business location of any pool hall, snooker, billiard, or recreation parlor and open for inspection by any police officer of the city."

SECTION TWO: Section 25-2 of the Neosho City Code is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 25-2. Hours of operation.

No pool hall, snooker parlor, recreation parlor or coin operated amusement device shall be operated on any day of the week between the hours of 1:30 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m."

SECTION THREE: Sections 25-3, 25-9, 25-10, 25-11, 25-12, and 25-13 are hereby repealed, and a new Section to be designated Section 25-9 shall read as follows:

"Sec. 25-9. City Collector to issue upon approval of City Manager and City Council when article complied with.

The City Collector shall have the power to issue licenses to operators of pool halls, snooker parlors, billiard parlors and recreation parlors when the application for such license shall have been approved by the City Manager and a majority of the city councilmen and when the requirements of this article have been fulfilled.

(a) No license shall be issued to any person, partnership, association or corporation unless said applicant shall be of good moral character;

(b) The application for such license shall set out the name or names of the proposed operator or operators and the premises to be occupied by the same;

(c) All licenses shall be issued by the City Collector and shall be payable in advance;

(d) All licenses shall expire on the 30th day of June of each year regardless of what month they may have been issued, provided, however, that any license issued after the 31st day of December shall expire as aforesaid;

(e) Operators of pool halls, snooker parlors, billiard parlors and recreation parlors shall pay a license fee to the city of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year;

(f) Said license shall not be transferrable to another operator nor shall it be valid if used by the same operator in a location other than stated in the original application."

SECTION FOUR: A new section shall be added to the Neosho City Code as follows:

"Sec. 25-16. Recreation Parlor defined.

A recreation parlor as defined in this ordinance shall mean any establishment in which two or more mechanical amusement devices which is hereby defined to mean each machine upon which the insertion of a coin, trade, token or slug operates or may be operated as a game or contest of skill or amusement of any kind or description which contains no automatic payoff device for the return of money or token or slugs are located for use by the public. A mechanical amusement device is hereby further defined as any machine, apparatus or contrivance which is used or may be used as a game of skill and amusement wherein or whereby the player initiates, employs or directs any force generated by the machine and is further defined as any type of a device which the owner thereof or person in possession thereof charges a fee for the use of said device which is used primarily for the amusement of participants. The term mechanical amusement device includes but is not limited to what are commonly referred to as pinball machines, bowling machines, fussball machines, shuffle-board machines and other similar type devices."

SECTION FIVE: A new section shall be added to the Neosho City Code as follows:

"Sec. 25-17. Minors prohibited from employment in pool halls, snooker parlors, billiard parlors and recreation parlors.

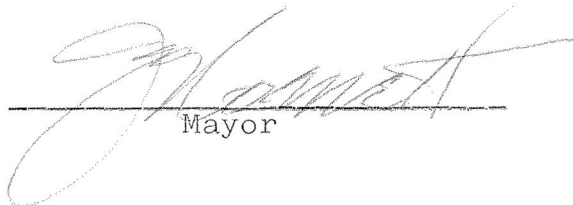
No minor shall be employed as an operator, manager, assistant manager, or employee in charge at any pool hall, billiard parlor, snooker parlor or recreation parlor in the City of Neosho. At least one person in charge shall be on the premises of any pool hall, snooker parlor, billiard parlor or recreation parlor at all times during which the same is open for business, who is over the age of 21 years."

SECTION SIX: Every person, persons, association, partnership, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined by not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each day that said pool hall, snooker parlor, or recreation parlor shall operate without having obtained a city license and each day of violation shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense provided, however, that this ordinance shall not apply to any person who has set up in his own private residence

any one of such tables for his own private use and for the use of his family, nor to clubs or civic organizations where pool, billiards and other tables are used exclusively for club members and upon which no charge for playing is made, or to any not-for-profit or governmental organization.

SECTION SEVEN: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

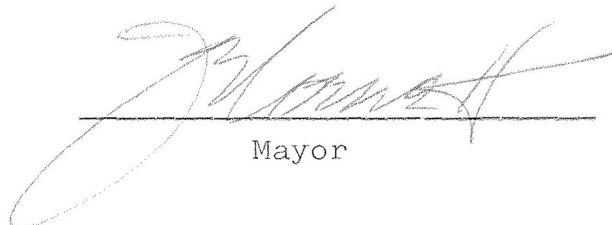
SECTION EIGHT: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 15 days after approval and final passage.


Mayor

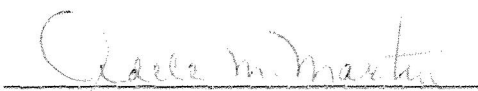
ATTEST:


City Clerk

Approved after passage this 5th day of October, 1976.


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