

Ordinance O-11-002-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING APPENDIX A, ARTICLE 4.004 "GAME ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES" , PROVIDING FEES FOR OPERATION INSPECTIONS, TAGS AND ANNUAL TAG FEES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Olton is authorized to regulate game rooms operating "amusement redemption machines" as defined herein, pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Texas Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that regulating licenses enacted by this ordinance are in the public interest and that they are necessary, reasonable and expedient under the circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the periodic evaluation and revision of the license fee and annual tag fee is necessary for the public interest and that they are necessary, reasonable and expedient under the circumstances ; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Olton, Texas, desires to minimize and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and community of Olton, Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLTON, TEXAS:

A4.004 Game rooms and amusement redemption machines.

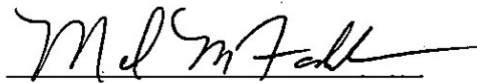
- (a) License required. No person shall operate an amusement redemption machine game room in the city without first obtaining a license from the city, as required by article 5.04 of this code. No license shall be issued until:
- (1) The occupation tax has been paid for each amusement redemption machine within the premises;
 - (2) The annual tag fee of the city has been paid for each amusement redemption machine within the premises; and
 - (3) The applicable game room license fee has been paid.
- (b) Payment of annual inspection and license fee; issuance of license. An owner, operator or lessee of an amusement redemption machine game room shall be required to secure a license annually. An amusement redemption machine game room shall be required to secure a license by paying to the city an annual inspection and amusement redemption machine game room license fee in the amount of \$5,000.00. Upon payment of the license fee, payment of the annual tag fee of the city for each amusement redemption machine within the premises, and compliance with all licensing requirements, the license shall be issued by the city.
- (c) City tags required, payment of annual city tag fees.
- (1) A tax permit issued by the state and all seals required by the state shall be securely affixed to each amusement redemption machine.
 - (2) A current tag issued by the city shall be securely affixed to each amusement redemption machine.
 - (3) The annual tag fee of the city for each amusement redemption machine is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), which fee shall be paid before a tag may be issued.

(4) All tag fees shall be issued on the basis of a calendar year. Tag fees shall not be prorated. Tags issued at any time during a calendar year shall automatically expire on December 31st.

(d) Background Checks. Background checks for owner(s) and lessees will be \$100.00 each. Background checks are required for new game rooms and for renewals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE OLTON CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Mark McFadden in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Mark McFadden, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Karla Sarinana in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Karla Sarinana, City Secretary