

**Memorandum
General Administration**

To: City Council
Subject: Video Gaming Licenses
Date: 1/19/2017
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Currently gaming machines are only allowed in facilities with a tavern or restaurant liquor license. The following language will ensure that gaming proceeds must be secondary to alcohol or food sales and not the primary income for the facility:

Chapter 3, Section 3-11. Modify to read:

(i) Gambling Devices: no gambling device or other gambling paraphernalia shall be kept or used for the purpose of gambling in any location licensed under the provisions of this chapter; provided however, the prohibitions provided for in this chapter and any other chapter of this code, that may reference or govern gambling or gambling devices shall not preclude any activity or device permitted under the laws of the state of Illinois so long as the device or paraphernalia complies with all requirements under the laws of the state of Illinois and in addition thereto complies with all requirements of this and any other ordinance of the city of Rock Island related to such gambling device or other gambling paraphernalia

Chapter 8, Article III, Division 2, Section 8-97. Add:

“(c) No license for any video gaming terminal shall be issued to any applicant until and unless the applicant provides information to the satisfaction of the liquor commissioner demonstrating that the applicant’s proceeds from video gaming machines are a secondary to the applicant’s proceeds from alcohol or food sales for the location at which the applicant is making application for a video gaming license or video gaming licenses. The final determination on whether the applicant has satisfied his requirement rests with the Liquor Commissioner.

Recommendation:

The Executive Department recommends that the City Council approve the proposed changes to Chapter 3 and Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances and authorize the City Attorney to draft the appropriate ordinance changes.

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