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# Regulation and Licensing of Amusement Arcades

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### **Sec. 7-12-1 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Amusement Arcade.** Any premises operated by any organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building whose primary purpose or object of its existence or operation is that of providing use of "amusement devices" to the public at retail, and/or any premises operated by any organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee or occupant of a building, the majority of whose gross receipts are derived from the providing of use of "amusement devices" to the public at retail.
- (b) **Amusement Device.** Any table, platform, mechanical device, or apparatus operated or intended to be operated for amusement, pleasure, test of skill, competition, or sport, the use or operation of which is conditioned upon payment or consideration either by insertion of coin or token in a slot or otherwise. Such amusement device shall include, but not be limited to, devices commonly known as baseball, football, basketball, hockey, pinball, shuffleboard, ray guns, bowling games, bumper games, skiball, electronic video games, and shall also include billiard tables and pool tables (whether coin operated or not). Such definition does not include a bowling alley, juke box or other coin operated music machine or a mechanical children's amusement riding device.

### **Sec. 7-12-2 Amusement Arcade License.**

- (a) **License Required.** No person, firm, or corporation shall operate or keep an amusement parlor or arcade, as defined herein, without having obtained and posted on the premises, in plain view, a license to operate such parlor. Application shall be made to the Village Clerk on the form provided by such office, accompanied by an application fee as prescribed in

Section 1-3-1, which shall cover the cost of processing the application and shall be non-refundable. The application shall set forth the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant, or, if a partnership, the name and addresses of all the partners, or, if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and registered agent thereof, and the name and address of the person who will supervise the game room.
  - (2) The name and addresses of the owners of the amusement devices to be located on the licensed premises, if such owners are different from that of the applicant. If the owners of the amusement devices is a partnership, the names and addresses of all the partners, or if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and registered agent thereof.
  - (3) A building plan of the premises to be licensed specifically describing and otherwise showing all dimensions, indicating the intended division of floor space, exits and entrances, the areas to be used for amusement devices, and the common aisles.
  - (4) A site plan of the premises to be licensed which shall include the proposed landscaping for the subject premises, and all the improvements, parking and driveway areas, and landscaping located on property adjacent to and within twenty (20) feet of the property lines of the premises to be licensed.
  - (5) If the applicant operates other game rooms in other areas, the names and addresses of such other licensed establishments.
  - (6) Such application shall also contain such additional information as the Village deems necessary to assist it in determining the qualifications of the applicant for such license.
- (b) **Public Hearing.** The application shall be forwarded to the Village Board which shall hold a public hearing prior to the granting or denial of any amusement arcade license. In reviewing each application, the Village Board shall find:
- (1) That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of an amusement arcade at the location requested will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.
  - (2) That the proposed amusement arcade will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
  - (3) That the establishment of the amusement arcade will not impede the normal orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
  - (4) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to maintain good order surrounding the location thereof.
- (c) **Issuance of License; Term.** The Village Clerk shall issue a license upon approval of the application by the Village Board, upon the payment by the applicant of an annual license

fee of as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. All licenses issued herein shall be for one (1) year ending on the 30th day of June and shall not be transferable.

### **Sec. 7-12-3 Hours of Operation for Amusement Arcades.**

- (a) No premises for which an amusement arcade license has been issued shall be permitted to remain open for the offering of electronic amusement devices to the public at retail between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., except on Friday and Saturday when the closing hours shall be between 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m.
- (b) No premises for which an amusement arcade license has been issued and which is less than one thousand (1,000) feet from the main entrance of any established public or parochial school, shall be permitted to remain open for the offering of amusement devices to the public at retail between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any day in which such school is in regular session.
- (c) For the purpose of this Section, the term "public school or parochial school" shall be any institution providing learning facilities for grades kindergarten through eight (K-8). The one thousand (1,000) foot distance shall be measured by the shortest route along the highway from the closest point of the main entrance of such school to the main entrance of such premises.

### **Sec. 7-12-4 General Requirements for Amusement Arcades.**

The following general requirements shall apply to all amusement arcades licensed in accordance with this Chapter:

- (a) All amusement arcades shall have an adult supervisor on the premises at all times in which the game room is open to the public.
- (b) Every amusement arcade shall provide an adequate area and number of bicycle racks for the orderly parking of bicycles, which area shall be separate from a required vehicle parking stall and shall be so located as to not occupy any portion of a public sidewalk or to otherwise obstruct pedestrian passage to and from the premises.
- (c) Game rooms licensed herein shall comply with all other building, fire code, and applicable Village laws and regulations.

### **Sec. 7-12-5 License Revocation.**

Licenses may be revoked by the Village Board after a hearing, in the event an amusement arcade's location or operation fails to conform to standards provided in this Chapter, or violates any other provision of this Code of Ordinances.

