

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT GAMING AND OPERATION OF SLOT MACHINES IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE THEREFOR, REGULATING THE SAME, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF SUCH LICENSE, PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFOR, REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 77, -82, -88, -103, -and 115, and ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas Do Ordain as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation, either as owner, lessee, or employee, whether for hire or not, to deal, operate, carry on, conduct, maintain, or expose for play, within the City of Las Vegas, any game of faro, monte, roulette, keno, fan-tan, twenty-one, stud poker, draw poker, or any banking or percentage game played with cards, dice, or any mechanical device or machine, for money, property, checks, credit, or any representative of value; or any gambling game in which any person, firm, association or corporation keeping, conducting, managing, or permitting the same to be carried on, receives, directly or indirectly, any compensation or reward, or any percentage or share of the money or property played, for keeping, running, carrying on, or permitting the said game to be carried on; or to play, maintain, or keep any slot machine played for money, for checks or tokens redeemable in money or property, without having first procured a license for the same as hereinafter provided; and provided further, that no alien, or any person except a citizen of the United States, shall be issued a license, or shall directly or indirectly own, operate or control any game or device so licensed.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to knowingly permit any of the slot machines, games or devices mentioned in section one of this Ordinance to be conducted, operated, dealt or carried on in any house or building owned by him, her or it, in whole or in part, except by a person, firm, association or corporation who has received a license as herein provided, or his employee.

Section 3. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term game or games shall be construed to mean and include any slot machine or slot machines played for money or for checks or tokens redeemable in money or property.

Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit social games played solely for drinks or cigars served individually, or games played in private homes or residences for prizes ~~not to exceed in value the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00)~~, or nickel-in-the-slot machines operated solely for cigars or drinks.

Section 5. All applications for licenses or renewals thereof, shall be made by petition to the Board of City Commissioners by the filing of same with the City Clerk, which City Clerk shall immediately refer each such application to the Police and Fire Commissioner for his approval, and in no case shall a license be issued or renewed when his disapproval is endorsed upon the petition, except by a majority vote of the Board of City Commissioners. ~~The Police and Fire Commissioner shall return all petitions, with his approval or objection endorsed thereon, to the Board of City Commissioners at or before the next regular meeting thereof after receipt of such petition by him. After the return by said Police and Fire Commissioner of any petition to said Board, at any regular or recessed regular, adjourned or special meeting of such Board of City Commissioners, a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the issuance or renewal of any license at any such meeting.~~

Section 6. All applications for licenses as in this Ordinance

provided shall state the business and place of business of the applicant, a complete description of the particular room and premises in which the licensee desires to carry on or conduct such slot machine, device or game, together with the location of the building, its street number, if such there be, and any other information by which it may be definitely and readily located and recognized, the name in full of the applicant, and in case of a copartnership or association shall state the name in full of each and all the copartners or associates, and in case of a corporation, the names of the officers and managers thereof. The person, firm, association or corporation so applying for a license shall state definitely the particular type of slot machine, or the particular game or device which the licensee desires to carry on or conduct in said room and premises; and as so stated the same shall be specifically described in and entered upon said license.

(Section 7. The Board of City Commissioners, in the exercise of their discretion, may refuse to grant or renew the license provided for in this Ordinance, to any ^{person,} firm, association or corporation) ~~notwithstanding the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commissioners,~~ and may also revoke any license granted hereunder, if in their judgment or discretion it should appear to them that the licensee is not a proper ~~slot machine, device and/or~~ person, firm, association, or corporation to carry on or conduct the ~~game~~ for which the license is granted, or that such slot machine, device and/or game is not being properly or fairly conducted. Upon such revocation the City of Las Vegas shall be entitled to retain the license fee theretofore paid for such license.

Section 8. All licenses herein provided for shall be issued by the City Clerk.

Card games, that is, stud and draw poker, bridge, whist, solo and panguingue for money shall be licensed independent of other games mentioned in this ordinance, at the rate of two and one-half Dollars (\$ 2.50) per month, payable one quarter year in advance. A license fee of Five Dollars (\$ 5.00) per month, payable for one quarter year in advance, shall be paid for each game or device license issued excepting those games as otherwise provided for herein and except slot machines, and for each money slot machine one Dollar (\$ 1.00) per month, payable for one quarter year in advance, for each handle on said money slot machine. Said license shall entitle the holder or holders, or his or their employee or employees, to carry on, conduct, and operate the specific slot machine, game or device for which said license is issued in the particular room and premises described therein, but not for any other slot machine, game or device in any other place than the room and premises so described, for a period of one quarter of a year next succeeding the date of issuance of said license; provided that no license shall be granted for any portion or any quarter for a less amount than the full quarterly license; and the end of said quarters shall be the last days of March, June, September and December of each year; ~~and the licensee shall be entitled to carry on, conduct and operate two or more slot machines, games or devices mentioned in section two of this ordinance, in the same room, by paying the license fee herein provided for, for each slot machine, game or device and otherwise complying with the terms of this section. Each license shall specify upon the face thereof the name of the licensee, and a particular description of the particular room and premises in which the licensee intends to carry on, conduct or operate any one slot machine, game or device mentioned in section one of this Ordinance, and shall specify the particular type of slot machine, or the particular game, or the particular device, by name; any license issued under the provisions of this ^{Ordinance} shall not be transferable by the licensee to any other person, firm, association or corporation, and shall be valid only for the particular room and premises described therein, and the specified slot machine, game or~~

device for which it is issued. No license money paid under this Ordinance shall be refunded, whether the slot machine, game or device for which any license was issued has voluntarily ceased or has been revoked under the provisions of this ordinance herein provided, or for any other reason. *The license fees herein provided shall be in addition to those collected by the Sheriff of Clark County.*

Section 9. Any licensee holding a valid existing license from the City of Las Vegas and from the County of Clark, State of Nevada, for a current quarter may, during such current quarter, secure a license for additional slot machines, games or devices; as the case may be, over and above the particular number of slot machines, games or devices for which he, they or it holds a license, for the remainder of the quarter by paying to the City Clerk the license fee above provided, for the additional particular slot machine, game or device, as the case may be, and for which the City Clerk shall issue an additional license for the remainder of such quarter, and the additional license shall be upon the same terms and conditions as though issued under the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance.

Section 10. All licenses issued for gambling games, devices and slot machines of every character and description shall be posted in a conspicuous place where such gambling games, devices and slot machines are installed, in order that they may be inspected by authorized state, county, city and town officials, who shall report in writing, to the Sheriff of the County and to the Chief of Police of the City wherein such gambling games, devices and slot machines are located any and all gambling games, devices and slot machines found to be operating without a license. *A failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall constitute a ground for the revocation of such license or licenses so posted.*

Section 11. The required license fees shall accompany each application for issuance or renewal of a license and be paid to the City Clerk, and such fees when same become the property of the City shall be placed in such fund and used for such purposes as the Board of City Commissioners shall from time to time direct.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the owner, proprietor, manager or other person having charge or control of any location or place of business for or concerning which a license or licenses is or are issued under this ordinance, (except as to slot machines) and any employee thereof, at all times of the day and night to keep and maintain on, or upon at least one side of each and every glass door or window fronting or abutting upon any street or alley, a shade or shades, curtain or curtains, screen or screens, or other obstruction, which shall fully prevent and obstruct *at all times* the free view from the outside of such glass door or window into that portion of such location or place of business where such gambling game and/or gambling device (exclusive of slot machines) is or are located or being carried on. Provided, however, that no such game or games, gambling device or gambling devices, so licensed, shall be dealt, played, operated, carried on, or exposed for play behind locked or closed doors.

Section 13. Any person or any officer of any corporation, or any member of any copartnership or association violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), or not more than Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00), or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not

less than thirty (30) days nor more than five (5) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day upon which a violation of this Ordinance shall occur shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation thereof.

Section 14. Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith," approved Oct. 1, 1919, and Ordinance No. 82 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled: 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,' approved June 15, 1921, and Ordinance No. 88 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith', and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with such amendment," approved March 15, 1922, and Ordinance No. 103 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,' and to amend said Ordinance No. 77 by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 6b, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with said amendments," approved December 4, 1923, and Ordinance No. 115 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section three (3) of Ordinance No. 103 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled: 'An Ordinance to amend Section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,' and to amend said Ordinance No. 77 by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 6 b, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with said amendments," and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 15. If any provisions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not be construed to invalidate any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 16. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage and publication as hereinafter authorized, and this Ordinance is passed as an emergency ordinance under the provisions of a Resolution adopted by the Board of City Commissioners on this 30th day of March, 1931.

Section 17. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published in Las Vegas Age, a Tri-weekly newspaper published in the City of Las Vegas, for a period of one week (3 issues).

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was read for the first time at a recessed regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, held on the 30th day of March, 1931, and was passed as an emergency ordinance upon second reading on said last mentioned date, on the following vote: Commissioners

German - Russell - Thomas - Smith
and his Honor the Mayor J. F. Hesse, voting aye. Noes None.

Viola Burns -
City Clerk

(City Seal)

Approved this 30 day of March, 1931.

J. F. Hesse
Mayor of the City of Las Vegas.

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NEVADA }
County of Clark } ss.

C. P. SQUIRES, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is publisher of the LAS VEGAS AGE, a tri-weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Las Vegas, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the attached

Ordinance No. 165 of the City of Las Vegas
was published in said newspaper for a period of One week

from March 31, 1931 to April 4, 1931 inclusive,
being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates, to-wit:

March 31; April 2 and 4, 1931

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on each of the
dates above named. That the charge for publishing the same was \$156.00

Signed

C. P. Squires

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April 1931

C. D. Treeze

Notary Public in and for Clark County, Nevada.

My Commission Expires May 26, 1931.

ORDINANCE NO. 165

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Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to knowingly permit any of the slot machines, games or devices mentioned in section one of this Ordinance to be conducted, operated, dealt or carried on in any house or building owned by him, her, or it, in whole or in part except by a person, firm, association or corporation who has received a license as herein provided, or his employee.

Section 3. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term game or games shall be construed to mean and include all games or devices herein mentioned and any slot machine or slot machines played for money or for checks or tokens redeemable in money or property.

Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit social games played solely for drinks or cigars served individually, or games played in private homes or residences for prizes or nickel-in-the-slot machines operated solely for cigars or drinks.

Section 5. All applications for licenses or renewals thereof, shall be made by petition to the Board of City Commissioners by the filing of same with the City Clerk, which City Clerk shall immediately refer each such application to the Board of City Commissioners at or before the next meeting thereof after receipt of such petition by him. The same may be acted upon by said Board at any regular or recessed regular meeting of such Board of City Commissioners. A majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the issuance or renewal of any license at any such meeting.

Section 6. All applications for licenses as in this Ordinance provided shall state the business and place of business of the applicant, a complete description of the particular room and premises in which the licensee desires to carry on or conduct such slot machine, device or game, together with the location of the building, its street number, if such there be, and any other information by which it may be definitely and readily located and recognized, the name in full of the applicant, and in case of a copartnership or association shall state the name in full of each and all the copartners or associates, and in case of a corporation, the names of the officers and managers thereof. The person, firm, association or corporation so applying for a license shall state definitely the particular type of slot machine, or the particular game or device which the licensee desires to carry on or conduct in said room and premises; and as so stated the same shall be specifically described in and entered upon said license.

Section 7. The Board of City Commissioners, in the exercise of their discretion, may refuse to grant or renew the license provided for in this Ordinance, to any person, firm, association or corporation, and may revoke any license granted hereunder, if in their judgment or discretion it should appear to them that the licensee is not a proper person, firm, association, or corporation to carry on or conduct the slot machine, devices and / or game for which the license is granted, or that such slot machine, device and / or game is not being properly or fairly conducted. Upon such revocation the City of Las Vegas shall be entitled to retain the license fee theretofore paid for such license.

Section 8. All licenses herein provided for shall be issued by the

City Clerk.

Card games, that is, stud poker and draw poker, bridge, whist, solo and panguingue for money shall be licensed independent of other games mentioned in this ordinance. The rate of Two and One-half Dollars (\$2.50) per month, payable on quarter year in advance. A license fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per month payable for one quarter year in advance, shall be paid for each game or device license issued, excepting those games as otherwise provided for herein and except slot machines, and for each money slot machine One Dollars (\$1.00) per month, payable for one quarter year in advance, for each handle on said money slot machine. Said license shall entitle the holder or holders, or his or their employee or employees, to carry on, conduct and operate the specific slot machine, game or device for which said license is issued in the particular room and premises described therein, but not for any other slot machine, game or device in any other place than the room and premises so described, for a period of one quarter of a year next succeeding the date of issuance of said license; provided that no license shall be granted for any portion of any quarter for a less amount than the full quarterly license; and the end of said quarters shall be the last days of March, June, September and December of each year; provided further, that the licensee shall be entitled to carry on, conduct and operate two or more slot machines, games or devices mentioned in section one of this ordinance, in the same room, by paying the license fee herein provided for, for each slot machine, game or device and otherwise complying with the terms of this section. Each license shall specify upon the face thereof the name of the licensee, and a particular description of the particular room and premises in which the licensee intends to carry on, conduct or operate any one slot machine, game or device mentioned in section one of this Ordinance, and shall specify the particular type of slot machine, or the particular game, or the particular device, by name; any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall not be transferable by the licensee to any other person, firm, association or corporation, and shall be valid only for the particular room and premises described therein and the specified slot machine, game or device for which it is issued. No license money paid under this Ordinance shall be refunded, whether the slot machine, game or device for which any license was issued has voluntarily ceased or has been revoked under the provisions of this ordinance herein provided, or for any other reason. The license fees herein provided shall be in addition to those collected by the Sheriff of Clark County.

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Section 10. All licenses issued for gambling games, devices and slot machines of every character and description shall be posted in a conspicuous place where such gambling games, devices and slot machines are installed, in order that they may be inspected by authorized state, county, city and town officials, who shall report in writing, to the Sheriff of the County and to the Chief of Police of the City wherein such gambling games, devices and slot machines are located any and all gambling games, devices and slot machines found to be operating without a license.

Section 11. The required license fees shall accompany each application for issuance or renewal of a license and be paid to the City Clerk and such fees when same become the property of the City shall be placed in such fund and used for such purposes as the Board of City Commissioners shall from time to time direct. A failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall constitute a ground for revocation of such license or licenses posted.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the owner, proprietor, manager or other person having charge or control of any location or place of business, for or concerning which a license or licenses is or are issued under this ordinance, (except as to slot machines) and any employee thereof, at all times, of the day and night to keep and maintain on, or upon at least one side of each and every glass door or window fronting or abutting upon any street or alley, a shade or shades, curtain or curtains, screen or screens, or other obstruction, which shall fully prevent and obstruct at all times the free view from the outside of such glass door or window into that portion of such location or place of business where such gambling game and/or gambling device (exclusive of slot machines) is or are located or being carried on. Provided, however, that no such game or games, gambling device or gambling devices, so licensed, shall be dealt, played, operated, carried on, or exposed for play behind locked or closed doors.

Section 13. Any person or any officer of any corporation, or any member of any copartnership or association violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), or not more than Four Hundred - Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).

or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not less than thirty (30) days nor more than five (5) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day upon which a violation of this Ordinance shall occur shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation thereof.

Section 14. Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith," approved Oct. 1, 1919, and Ordinance No. 82 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled: 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,'" approved June 15, 1921, and Ordinance No. 88 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,'" and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with such amendments," approved, March 15, 1922, and Ordinance No. 103 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend section six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas, without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,'" and to amend said Ordinance No. 77 by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 6b, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with said amendments," approved December 4, 1923, and Ordinance No. 115 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section three (3) of Ordinance No. 103 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled: 'An Ordinance to amend Section Six (6) of Ordinance No. 77 of the City of Las Vegas, entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit gaming in the City of Las Vegas without first obtaining a license therefor, regulating the same, fixing the amount of such license, providing a penalty therefor, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith,'" and to amend said Ordinance No. 77 by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 6b, and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with said amendments," and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 15. If any provisions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not be construed to invalidate any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 16. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage and publication as herein after authorized, and this Ordinance is passed as an emergency ordinance under the provisions of a Resolution adopted by the Board of City Commissioners on this 30th day of March, 1931.

Section 17. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published in Las Vegas Age, a tri-weekly newspaper published in the City of Las Vegas, for a period of one week (3 issues).

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was read for the first time at a recessed regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, held on the 30th day of March, 1931, and was passed as an emergency ordinance upon second reading on said last mentioned date, on the following vote: Commissioners German, Hansell, Thomas, Smith, and his Honor the Mayor J. F. Hesse, voting aye. Noes, none.

VIOLA BURNS, City Clerk.

(City Seal)

Approved this 30th day of March, 1931.

J. F. HESSE, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas.

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