

February 2, 2023

SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 6, 2023

Council Chambers

5:45 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. **Discussion of Ordinance No. 23-01** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 830 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, REGARDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC GAMING PARLORS OPERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

This Ordinance will be having its second reading in Council tonight, 2-6-2023

2. Other items at the discretion of the chair

BY _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 830 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, REGARDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC GAMING PARLORS OPERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the City of Newark has previously recognized the need to license and regulate electronic gaming parlors and has enacted legislation requiring the licensing and regulation of such establishments; and

WHEREAS, issues have arisen over time with regard to the management, imposition and monitoring of licensing for electronic gaming parlors by the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the structure of the licensing process and the manner of collecting licensing fees would lead to greater compliance and efficiency within the regulatory process; and

WHEREAS, this matter was considered by the Safety Committee of this Council which passed this Ordinance onto the full Council for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Chapter 830 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio, is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

830.03 LICENSE FEES.

(b) Any person applying for a license to operate a non-exempt electronic gaming parlor shall, before the issuance thereof, pay to the city a semi-annual ~~IN THE CITY MUST BE LICENSED BY THE STATE OF OHIO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE REGULATIONS. UPON A SHOWING OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REGULATIONS AND BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF A CITY LICENSE, THE PERSON SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL FEE~~ as set forth herein for each separately located electronic gaming parlor:

- (1) More than zero, but less than eleven electronic games of skill ~~\$250.00~~ \$500.00
- (2) More than ten but less than twenty-five electronic games of skill ~~\$375.00~~ \$750.00
- (3) Twenty-five or more electronic games of skill ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00

(c) In addition to the ~~semi~~-annual base fee, for each electronic game of skill on site at any electronic gaming parlor, the licensee of a non-exempt electronic gaming parlor shall pay an additional ~~semi~~-annual fee of ~~\$125.00~~ \$250.00

(1) All required annual licensing fees shall be paid on or before the first day of January for the issuance of a license valid through ~~June 30 and on or before the first day of July for the issuance of a license valid through~~ December 31 of every calendar year.

(2) Any person applying for a license under this section after the first of January ~~or after the first of July~~ of any given year shall pay the full ~~semi~~-annual licensing fee as set forth herein without any pro-rating of the fee based upon date and time of application.

830.04 LICENSE REVOCATION; APPEALS.

(b) The Director of Public Safety may revoke the license granted to any licensee under this chapter if such licensee is ~~found to be~~ **NONCOMPLIANT WITH STATE LICENSING REGULATIONS OR HAS BEEN FOUND** guilty of violating any of the laws of the State or the ordinances of the City. Appeals of decisions by the Director of Public Safety under this chapter shall be governed by Ohio R.C. Chapter 2506.

830.05 GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENSE.

The Director of Public Safety may refuse to issue a license under this chapter to any person who **IS NOT PROPERLY LICENSED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, IF APPLICABLE, OR WHO** has been found guilty of a violation of any law of the State or ordinance of the City, with the exception of minor misdemeanor traffic offenses.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be effective at the earliest time permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DIRECTOR OF LAW

Prepared by the Office of the Director of Law