

ORDINANCE NO. 128

AN ORDINANCE repealing Ordinance No. 22; regulating the operation of pinball machines and other games of chance, fixing license fees, providing for location permits; and penalties for the violation thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO ORDAIN  
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Games for money illegal. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own or to have in his or its control or possession, within the city limits of the City of Bellevue, any pinball machine or game of skill by the operation of which it is possible for the player to receive through luck and skill, goods, wares, merchandise, money, tokens, hickies, slugs or any other article of value in excess of the amount of money deposited in said machine or device, or paid for the privilege of playing any such game.

Section 2. Unlawful for minors to play. The owner, person in control or in charge of any pinball machine or game of skill shall not permit any person under the age of 21 years to operate or play such machine, and it shall be illegal for any person under the age of 21 years to operate or play such machine. Each machine shall have prominently displayed thereon a sign approved by the City Clerk stating that it is unlawful for any one under the age of 21 years to play the machine.

Section 3. Operator's License and Location Permits required. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to maintain or permit to be operated or played, any pinball machine or game of chance on or in the premises owned by him or it or over which he or it has control within the City of Bellevue, without having a valid unrevoked location permit for each machine or game located in Bellevue under authority of an operator's license issued by the City Clerk.

Section 4. Application for Operator's License. Application for such operator's license shall be made to the City Clerk in such form and shall contain such information as the City Clerk may require. The City Clerk shall request of the Chief of Police, or other official of the city designated by the City Manager for that purpose, an investigation of the operator. If, after such investigation, the City Clerk determines that the applicant is a person of good moral character, has not been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, and his experience, financial responsibility and moral fitness are such as to warrant the belief that his operation of such machines will not injuriously affect the morals and welfare of the City of Bellevue, and upon the payment of the annual license fee required in Section 5 herein to the City Clerk, the City Clerk shall issue such operator's license. The holder of a valid operator's license shall be authorized to operate not more than thirty (30) pinball machines or games of skill in the City of Bellevue for the period covered by the current license, so long as such pinball machines or other games of skill are not declared illegal by Ordinance of the City of Bellevue or by the State Law.

Section 5. Operator's License Fee. A fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) shall be paid to the City Clerk by the licensed operator for each year or portion thereof for which an operator's license is issued. The license period shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year. No portion of a license fee shall be refunded in the event of the cancellation or revocation of said

license through the act of the authorized city officials, or by operation of law. Such operator's license shall not be transferable by operation of law or otherwise.

Section 6. Operator's Monthly Reports. The holder of any valid operator's license shall furnish the City Clerk, on or before the 1st day of each month, with a list of the locations where such machines or games are operated, installed, stored or in use, and a description of the game or games at each location.

Section 7. Location Permits. Every person, association or corporation who shall install, store, operate or use on premises under his control or possession any pinball machine or game of chance shall obtain a location permit for each of such machines or games. Location permits shall be renewable on or before the 1st day of the months of January, April July and October of each year upon the payment of a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each machine so installed, stored, operated or used and no pinball machine or game shall be transferred to, stored, kept or put in use in any location in Bellevue other than a location for which there is a valid location permit.

Section 8. Penalties for Violation. Any person, association or corporation who shall violate or fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or imprisoned for any term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment and the license of such person, association or corporation may be revoked and the machine, or machines, confiscated.

Section 9. Partial Invalidity. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. Ordinance No. 22 is hereby repealed.

Section 11. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1956, after passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on the 6th day of December, 1955, and signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of December, 1955

Approved as to form:

Harold D. Cole  
City Attorney

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Attest:

Jean P. Schuler  
City Clerk

Date of Publication

Dec. 15, 1955

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