CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5166

AN ORDINANCE regarding the City's gambling tax code; reducing the tax rate for bingo games and raffles as required by state law; amending Section 4.14.030 of the Bellevue City Code; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Chapter 221, Laws of 1999 amended RCW 9.46.110 reducing the rate at which counties and cities are authorized to tax bingo and raffle activities from ten percent of gross receipts to five percent of gross receipts; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 221, Laws of 1999 will take effect on January 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with state law, the City is required to reduce the tax rate for bingo and raffle activities; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 4.14.030 of the Bellevue City Code, as most recently amended by Section 2 (part) of Ordinance No. 4842, is amended to read as follows:

4.14.030 Tax rate on gambling activities.

Upon every person engaging within this city in the act of conducting or operating the following gambling activities; as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities shall be equal to the gross revenue from such activities multiplied by the following tax rates:

Activity	<u>Tax Rate</u>
A. Bingo Games	5.0%
B. Raffles	5.0%
C. Amusement Games	2.0%
D. Sales of Punchboards and Pull-Tabs	5.0%

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication provided that the reduction in tax rates set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2000.

Passed by the City Council this 18th day of October , 1999, and signed in authentication of its passage this 18th day of October, 1999. (SEAL)

Mike Creighton, Mayor

Approved as to form: Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney

Richard L. Kirkby, Assistant City Attorney Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk Published October 22, 1999