

ORDINANCE NO. 826

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO GAMBLING TAXES, REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TAX THE CITY IMPOSES ON BINGO AND RAFFLES FROM 10 TO 5 PER CENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENT WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 3.24.030 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature reduced the maximum amount of tax that a city can impose on bingo and raffles from ten to five percent of the gross receipts, to be effective on January 1, 2000 (RCW 9.46.100) and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor's code allows the City to impose a ten percent tax on the gross receipts from bingo and raffles; and

WHEREAS, the City's code must be amended to be consistent with State law; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.24.030 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.24.030 Tax levied on designated activities - Amount.

There is hereby levied upon all persons, associations and organizations conducting or operating within the city any of the activities listed below a tax to be paid to the city of Gig Harbor, Washington, in the amount hereinafter specified:

- A. Bingo and raffles: Operators shall pay a tax in the amount equal to ~~10~~ 5 percent of the gross receipts from a bingo game or raffle, less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.

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Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and the City Clerk shall ensure publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title. The change in the tax imposed by this Ordinance shall not be effective until January 1, 2000.

APPROVED:



MAYOR GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED



CITY CLERK, MOLLY TOWSLEE

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