ORDINANCE NO. 19-14

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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 on to 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:

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

CHAPTER 830: Game Rooms, Billiard Rooms, and Electronic Gaming Parlors Section 830.03 LICENSE FEES

- (a) Any person applying for a license to operate a billiard room, poolroom or game room shall, before the issuance thereof, pay to the City of Newark an annual base fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each separately located establishment or place of business of the applicant. In addition to the annual base fee, for each billiard or pool table or mechanical or electrical amusement device, the licensee shall pay an additional seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50). When such a license is issued between December 1 and December 31 of any year, the license shall not expire until December 31 of the following year.
- (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** 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
(2) More than ten but less than twenty-five electronic games of skill:
\$375.00
(3) Twenty-five or more electronic games of skill:
\$500.00.

(b) 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.

ALL REQUIRED SEMI-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.

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.

<u>SECTION TWO</u>: 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 b day of July, 2019.

ATTEST: President of Council

Date Filed With Mayor: 7-15-19

Date Approved By Mayor: 7-15-19

Approved as to Form:

Douglas E. Sassen

Director of Law