

ORDINANCE 2019-C

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LIVEPOOL PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF A “GAME ROOM” BUSINESS, OR AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LIVERPOOL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVEPOOL, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

WHEREAS it is illegal to operate a game room, or to operate any type of amusement redemption machine in any other business or capacity.

SECTION 2: DEFINITION

“Game Room” is any establishment that houses any type of amusement redemption machine; whether the machine gives the opportunity to receive on site, noncash merchandise prizes, such as, toys, novelties, or a representation of value redeemable for those items, or money

“Amusement Redemption Machines” means a machine, or game devise that is designed, made, and adapted solely for bona fide amusement purposes, and that by operation of chance or combination of skill and chance affords the user, in addition to any right of replay, an opportunity to receive exclusively noncash, or cash, merchandise prizes, toys or novelties, or a representation of value redeemable for those items, that have wholesale value for a single play of the machine of not more then (10) times the mount charged to play the machine once or five dollars (\$5.00), whichever is less. Such as machines that are generally referred to as eight liners.

SECTION 3: PROVITIONS

WHEREAS Game room type establishments, business’ are prohibited within the City limits of Liverpool.

WHEREAS, Any amusement redemption machines are prohibited from being placed inside any established business within the City Limits of Liverpool.

SECTION 4: ENFORCMENT

Any person in violation of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars \$10.00 and not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00).

SECTION 5: SEVERABILTY

Should any section, provision or part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or void by a court of competent jurisdiction such decision shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining parts, and for this purpose said parts are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would be passed those parts of this ordinance which are valid and omitted any parts which may be unconstitutional at the time of the passage for this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2019-C
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th **DAY OF** January, ²⁰²⁰ ~~2019~~.

Bill Strickland
Bill Strickland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Long
Catherine Long, City Secretary