

Ordinance No. 2

[Coin Operated Mechanical Amusement Devices]

An Ordinance to license and regulate coin operated mechanical amusement devices in the Village of Medicine Lake, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

The council of the village of Medicine Lake does ordain:

Section .01: **Definition**

A coin operated mechanical amusement device is hereby defined as any machine which, upon the insertion of a coin, token or slug, operates or may be operated by the public generally for use as a game, entertainment or amusement, and which contains no automatic pay-off device for the return of money, coins, checks, tokens or merchandise, or which provides no such pay-off by any other means or manner except that this provision shall not prohibit the licensing of such a machine which returns slugs or tokens which may be used only in the machine licensed and which in itself does not constitute a gambling device. The term shall include so called pinball machines, music machines, motion picture machines and all other machines which, by the insertion of a coin or token, operates for the entertainment or amusement of the player, except weighing machines.

Section .02: **License Required**

No person, firm or corporation shall own, operate, maintain or keep for operation within the village of Medicine Lake any such coin operated mechanical amusement device as hereinbefore defined without first having applied for and received a license therefor as hereinafter provided. No license shall be issued for any roulette wheel, slot machine, mechanical horse-race or any other gambling device.

Section .03: **Application and Issuance**

Each owner of each individual machine or device shall make application at the office of the village clerk, upon forms furnished by the village, for an owner's license. Each such application shall be accompanied by the annual license fee of \$35.00 per machine, except applications for licenses for music machines, which applications shall be accompanied by the annual license fee of \$10.00. The owner shall receive in addition to the license, one annual license tag for each machine he is licensed to own, which tag shall be displayed upon the machine in a prominent place.

Owners' licenses must be secured and affixed to the machines on or before May 31st and shall expire May 31st, 1945, and shall be renewed prior to May 31st each year thereafter. No owner's license shall be transferable from person to person, but the machine with license tags affixed thereto may be moved by the owner from one location to another. Upon revocation or lapsing of any owner's licenses, no refund shall be made of any portion of the license fee. In the event an owner applies for a license subsequent to the beginning of the license year, he shall pay the pro-rata portion of the license fee from the date of issuance to the end of the license year as provided herein. All applications shall contain a statement of the list price of such machines.

Section .04: **Restrictions**

No person, firm or corporation shall permit to be operated in his or her place of business any such machine or device by any person under the age of 18 years. No person, firm or corporation shall permit the operation of any such machine or device for the making of side bets or gambling in any form. No price, award, merchandise, gift, money or anything of value shall be given any player of such machine or device which is contrary to law.

Section .05: **Revocation**

Any license granted under the terms of this ordinance may be revoked by the village council at any time without a hearing and without notice to the licensee. Any misstatement of fact in the applications for said licenses shall be grounds for revocation of such license.

Section .06: **Penalty**

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the workhouse for not to exceed 90 days.

Passed by the council this 5th day of June, 1944.

Approved: L. B. Johantgen, Mayor

Attest: J. R. Solberg, Clerk