

ORDINANCE NO. 10898

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO GAMBLING TAXES AND AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE RATE OF TAXATION OF ALL ENTITIES, INCLUDING FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFITS AND CHARITIES, WHICH UTILIZE PULL TABS AND PUNCHBOARDS.

WHEREAS the City currently imposes a tax on utilizing pull tabs and punchboards; and,

WHEREAS the Legislature has recently amended the statute to allow alternative methods of taxation by cities; and,

WHEREAS the City has recently established new rules regarding non-profit organizations and charities; and,

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the City to tax for-profit entities on the same basis as non-profits and charities,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code section 4.70.010 is amended to read as follows:

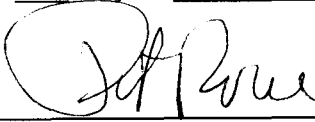
**4.70.010 - Imposed - Rate**

There is levied upon and shall be collected from and paid as provided in this chapter by every person, association, or organization utilizing punchboards and pull tabs a tax of eight percent of gross receipts from the operation of such game less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes. Any such gross receipts subject to this tax shall be deducted from the gross income of a business when filing business and occupation tax returns with the city.

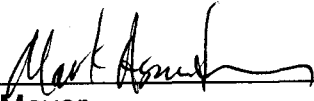
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 1998.

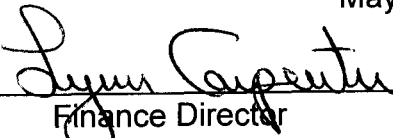
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PASSED by the Council this 17th day of November, 1997.

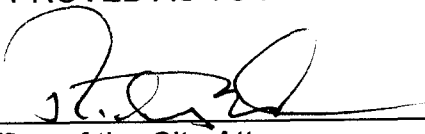
  
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Council President

APPROVED by me this 9th day of December, 1997.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Office of the City Attorney

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