

GAME ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES



New Gaming Ordinance

The City recently adopted new ordinances affecting the operation of eight liner and other similar gaming machines.

It is now unlawful to operate, display or otherwise have these machines in specific areas throughout the City.

Ordinance Number 21500-10-2014

Ordinance Number 21499-10-2014



Definition:

Amusement Redemption Machines

- Better known as “8 liners” to include “Sweepstakes” machines
- Bona fide amusement purposes awards merchandise and prizes
- Awards non-cash merchandise, prizes, toys or novelties, or a representation of a value
- **NO** cash, gift card or gift certificate payouts



Amusement Redemption Machines



ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Game rooms can only be located in: **Light Industrial ("I"), Medium Industrial ("J") or Heavy Industrial ("K")** zones
- **No** game room shall be located:
 - within 1,000 feet of a residential use or residential district
 - within 1,000 feet of a church, school, or hospital
- Game room Hours of Operation:
 - Monday through Thursday, open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m.; and
 - Friday through Sunday, open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 12:00 a.m.
- Doors must remain unlocked during the hours of operation
- Maximum of 30 Amusement Redemption Machines allowed

You can determine the zoning by going to: <http://mapit.fortworthtexas.gov>



Amusement Redemption Machines *do not include*

- Machine awards prizes **directly from the machine** including claw, crane, or similar machines;
- Machine that awards prizes dependent upon user's ability to throw, roll, flip, toss, hit, or drop a ball or other physical objects into the machine.

THINK Children's Toy Machines...



Children's Toy Machines



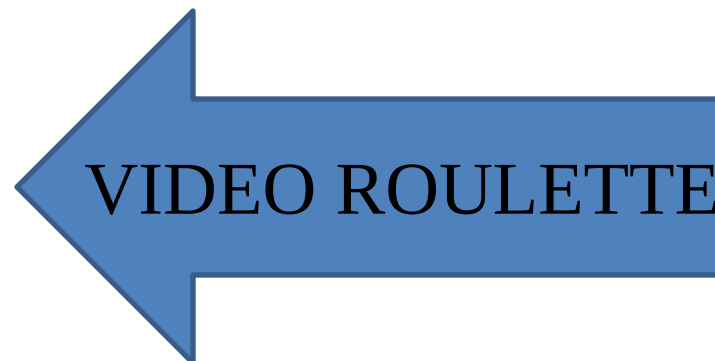
GAMBLING DEVICES

- Any machine that:
 - Pays cash, gift cards and/or gift certificates
 - Pays anything of value by chance and NOT by skill

EXAMPLES

- Gambling device versions of bingo, keno, blackjack, lottery, roulette, or video poker





If you have additional questions, please contact:
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