

Municipality	County / Region	Regulatory approach (zoning / licensing / ban)	Definition / threshold for "Game Room"	Accessory / incidental machines rule (e.g., gas station ≤3)	Zoning districts where allowed	Permit / license required	Separation / proximity rules (schools, churches, daycare, hospitals, parks, residential, etc.)	Measurement method	Hours of operation limits	Other operating restrictions (examples)	Primary source URL(s)	Notes / follow-up
Angleton	Brazoria County	City ordinance regulates amusement redemption machine game rooms + requires zoning compliance; City also uses Specific Use Permits for new game rooms.	Game room = business where amusement redemption machines are the primary source of income (excluded machines carved out).	Incidental machines not clearly covered unless ARMs are the primary income source (verify).	Per zoning use charts (Chapter 28) + specific use permits (SUP) for new game rooms.	Certificate of operation + annual license fee (per machine); SUP required for new game rooms and reapply if license lapses.	≥1,000 ft from church, school, day care, or hospital; and building footprint ≥500 ft from residentially zoned property.	Not specified in excerpt for distance measurement method (verify if defined elsewhere).	Not specified (must post hours on entrances).	Transparent entry door; doors unlocked during operation; lighting minimum 30 footcandles; access for inspections.	<a href="https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/sweenytx-meet-ad174384685d48d09cbbc9837ebdbf9b/ITEM-Attachment-001-41e3bfd03ceb40daadc541a467c3322.pdf">https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/sweenytx-meet-ad174384685d48d09cbbc9837ebdbf9b/ITEM-Attachment-001-41e3bfd03ceb40daadc541a467c3322.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.angleton.tx.us/Archive/ViewFile/Item/68">https://www.angleton.tx.us/Archive/ViewFile/Item/68</a>	Angleton ordinance references Chapter 28 zoning sections for permitted districts and special regulations—pull those charts for final zoning comparison.
Lake Jackson	Brazoria County (Angleton-area)	Not confirmed in this pass (needs zoning/code lookup).	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify		If you can share Lake Jackson code link or PDF section, I can populate precisely.
Alvin	Brazoria County (Angleton-area)	Regulates amusement redemption machine 'centers' and 'places' via police licensing/permits (business regulation).	Uses 'amusement redemption machine center' vs 'amusement redemption machine place' (thresholds by machine count).	Max machines: amusement place = 5; amusement center = 50 (suggests small locations like convenience stores can be regulated as 'places').	Not specified in the retrieved sources (verify zoning district allowances separately).	License/permit required (fees referenced in Chapter 28 fee schedule); deed restriction affidavit required; minors under 18 prohibited from using machines.	Not located in retrieved ordinance amendment; verify full Chapter 33 for location buffers to schools/churches/residential.	Unknown / verify in full Chapter 33	Unknown / verify in full Chapter 33	Deed restriction compliance affidavit; prohibits allowing gambling; prohibits under-18 use.	<a href="https://www.alvin.gov/DocumentCenter/View/402/Ord-22-U-Chapter-33-Amend-Amusement-Redemption-Machines-PDF">https://www.alvin.gov/DocumentCenter/View/402/Ord-22-U-Chapter-33-Amend-Amusement-Redemption-Machines-PDF</a> <a href="https://alvin-tx-police-police.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/36987">https://alvin-tx-police-police.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/36987</a>	To fully answer zoning+buffers for Alvin, we need the full Chapter 33 text (not just amendments) and/or the zoning ordinance use table.
Clute	Brazoria County (Angleton-area)	City ordinance prohibits amusement redemption machines citywide (ban).	Defines 'amusement redemption machine game room' broadly as any business where ARMs are operated; defines ARMs broadly; lists 'excluded machines' (e.g., claw/crane) that are not included.	Because ARMs are prohibited citywide, 'gas station ≤3 machines' would be prohibited if the devices meet the	N/A (prohibited citywide).	N/A (prohibited).	N/A (ban rather than buffers).	N/A	N/A	N/A	Declares ARMs a public nuisance; authorizes seizure/destruction; misdemeanor penalties.	<a href="https://mcclibraryfunctions.azurewebsites.us/api/ordinanceDownload/10570/1353375/pdf">https://mcclibraryfunctions.azurewebsites.us/api/ordinanceDownload/10570/1353375/pdf</a>
Manvel	Brazoria County (Houston metro)	Zoning approach (NAICS-based permitted use tables) + specific use permits for certain uses; game room provisions not confirmed in accessible code during this run.	Not confirmed in accessible sources during this run.	Not confirmed in accessible sources during this run.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	<a href="https://library.municode.com/tx/manvel">https://library.municode.com/tx/manvel</a>	If you want Manvel included with certainty, we should pull the Manvel zoning/use table and search for 'game room', 'amusement', 'coin-operated',
Friendswood	Galveston/Harris area (Houston metro)	Historical ordinance: temporary moratorium on businesses established to operate eight-liner 'amusement devices' while studying regulations.	Moratorium references eight-liner 'amusement devices' (non-cash prize limitations under Texas law) rather than a zoning definition.	Not specified (moratorium document).	Not specified (moratorium).	Not specified (moratorium).	Not specified (moratorium).	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Temporary moratorium for 180 days (historical).	<a href="https://public-records.friendswood.com/WebLink/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&amp;id=2274&amp;epo=Friendswood">https://public-records.friendswood.com/WebLink/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&amp;id=2274&amp;epo=Friendswood</a>
Pearland	Brazoria County (north)	Zoning/use-table approach in UDC; use list includes 'Gaming Establishment' in non-residential land use matrix.	Not specified in the accessible land-use matrix extract (needs Chapter 2 UDC section for standards/definitions).	Not specified in the extract.	Varies by zoning district (use listed as 'Gaming Establishment').	Likely conditional use / special process depending on district (verify in Chapter 2 UDC).	Not specified in the extract; verify if Pearland has buffers to schools/churches/residential and machine-count thresholds.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	<a href="https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/community-development/planning/unified-development-code-udc">https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/community-development/planning/unified-development-code-udc</a> <a href="https://www.pearlandtx.gov/home/s/howpublisheddocument/35601/638768795538130000">https://www.pearlandtx.gov/home/s/howpublisheddocument/35601/638768795538130000</a>	Direct Chapter 2 UDC PDF was blocked in this run; if you can provide the Chapter 2 file directly, I can populate buffers/definitions.
Sugar Land	Fort Bend County	Not confirmed for game rooms in this run (needs code lookup).	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	<a href="https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38489/Land-Use-Matrix-PDF">https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38489/Land-Use-Matrix-PDF</a>	Sugar Land land-use matrices were accessible, but game-room/ARM terms were not found in the portion reviewed—needs targeted code search.
Richmond	Fort Bend County	Not confirmed in this run for ARMs/game rooms (needs code lookup).	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	<a href="https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/richmond-tx">https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/richmond-tx</a>	Richmond has an EncodePlus codebase; a targeted in-code search for 'game room'/'amusement redemption' is the next step.
Rosenberg	Fort Bend County	City ordinance regulates game rooms and amusement redemption machines via licensing + operational standards.	Game room = building/facility/other place that contains one or more amusement redemption machines.	Fee schedule explicitly includes 1–3 machines (\$500), 4–6, etc. (covers small locations).	Not specified in the CO application packet; ordinance states premises must be in proper zoning for the activity.	CO inspection + annual license; fees vary by machine count; posting/signage requirements.	≥300 ft from church, school, residence, hospital, or park (property line to property line); operates only 10 AM–12 AM.	Property line-to-property line (distance).	10:00 AM–12:00 midnight	Windows/visibility requirements; doors unlocked; no outdoor activity; no under 18; operator age 21; lighting standard; supervision required.	<a href="https://rosenbergtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/660/Game-Room---Certificate-of-Occupancy-Application-PDF">https://rosenbergtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/660/Game-Room---Certificate-of-Occupancy-Application-PDF</a>	Pull the current Municode ordinance text for exact zoning district allowances (Municode page didn't render in-tool).
Houston	Harris County	Not confirmed in this run (Municode nodes did not render). Consider treating Houston separately because it does not have conventional zoning like many suburbs; game-room controls may be via business regulation/permits.	Not confirmed.	Not confirmed.	N/A / verify	N/A / verify	N/A / verify	N/A / verify	N/A / verify	N/A / verify		We can alternatively include Harris County game room regulations as a comparator for unincorporated areas.
Pasadena	Harris County	Not confirmed in this run (needs code lookup).	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Not located in accessible sources during this run.	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify	Unknown / verify		If you want Pasadena in the final table, we'll need their ordinance/code section governing coin-operated machines/game rooms.
Texas City	Galveston County	City ordinance regulates both individual amusement redemption machines (permit per machine) and game rooms (license + standards).	Game room = establishment with five or more amusement redemption machines (excluding certain 'excluded machines').	Permits apply to ALL amusement redemption machines (even if not in a game room). Game room standards apply to game rooms (5+).	Must be in an area zoned for that activity (specific districts not listed in excerpt).	Permit required for each machine (\$100 per machine per year) + game room license (\$1,000 per year).	Game rooms: not within 300 ft of church/school/day care/hospital; plus operating restrictions and max 50 machines.	Distance requirement stated as 300 ft (method not specified in excerpt).	May operate 7:00 AM–2:00 AM (game rooms).	No alcohol on premises; no outdoor activities; supervision required; minors restrictions; private rooms prohibited.	<a href="https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/code/s/texascity/latest/texascity_tx/0-0-0-6775">https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/code/s/texascity/latest/texascity_tx/0-0-0-6775</a>	Texas City is strong for your 'gas station ≤3 machines' comparison because it explicitly permits/fees per machine citywide.