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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services  
**FROM:** Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director  
**MEETING:** August 21, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of an ordinance repealing in its entirety Article III “Amusements” of Chapter 14 “Businesses” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Burleson, Texas, setting forth rules and regulations for amusement centers and requiring certain amusement centers to obtain a permit for coin-operated machines. (First Reading) (*Staff Contact: Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director*)

**SUMMARY:**

Staff has determined the need to update and standardize the review and approval processes /requirements relating to amusements. The City’s amusements provisions are contained within Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances. The earliest amusement provisions were written and took effect in 1977, with other provision taking place in the early 1980s. As presently written, the City Secretary has to accept and issue an operating license for an amusement use. Additionally, the Chief of Police has to review license renewals, replacements and temporary permits for amusement uses.

It is staff’s determination that this type of activity is best processed through the Development Services Department as the principal review authority. Deleting Article III “Amusements” of Chapter 14 “Businesses” of the Code of Ordinances will allow a hard- reset of the approval of these proposed land uses; these proposals will default to the standardized land use and permitting review process within Development Services and remove the unnecessary involvement of the City Secretary and Chief of Police in these routine requests.

Regulations pertaining to Amusements would remain in place as Appendix B Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances provides land use definitions, permissible land uses and zoning districts that the Planning staff routinely uses to evaluate and approve applications.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve the ordinance as presented
- 2) Approve the ordinance with changes
- 3) Deny the ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommendations approval of the ordinance.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

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