

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to amend Article VIII of Chapter 14 of the Columbus to revise certain requirements on businesses that offer Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines on their premises; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 14-262 Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 14-262 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-262. Quarterly reports; gross receipts.

- (a) A location owner or location operator subject to O.C.G.A. § 50-27-84(c) is hereby required to provide a copy of the quarterly verified report required by such code section to the commission. Such report shall indicate the quarterly gross retail receipts for each business location located in Columbus, Georgia shall be due by the 21st day of each month, subsequent to the quarter in which the sales have taken place. The finance department shall be entitled to conduct an annual audit of such reports and the location owner or location operator shall make its books reasonably available for such purpose upon request of the finance department.
- (b) No location owner or location operator may derive more than fifty (50) percent of such location owner's or location operator's monthly gross retail receipts for this business location in which the Class B machines are situated from such Class B machines. “

SECTION 2.

Section 14-264 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 14-264 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-264. Minimum distance requirements.

Any business location which offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines may not be located within 100 yards of any church building, within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds or college campus, within 100 yards of any alcoholic treatment center, or within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Despite the restrictions of this chapter, business locations which do not meet the distance requirements specified herein, are eligible for the issuance or reissuance of a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted in the following circumstances:

- A) Locations which were operating with a valid license from the State to operate coin operated amusement machines permitted at that business location prior to April 1, 2024, may have a city license with coin operated amusement machines permitted issued for the same location if application for a City license is made before September 1, 2024.

- B) Locations which receive a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted may have such license issued or renewed for the same location if application therefore is made within one year of the date that the business operations for the previous licensee ceased.

SECTION 3.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 18th day of June 2024; and introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Seat Vacant	voting	_____.
Councilor Begly	voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor