



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2023

FROM: Christy Goddeau, City Attorney's Office

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2023-14: First Reading – Ordinance Defining and Prohibiting Adult Arcades.

BACKGROUND

Currently, the Code of Ordinances does not define or otherwise address the topic of adult arcades. The City Council has provided direction to propose an ordinance prohibiting the operation of adult arcades. The proposed ordinance would apply citywide, with an exception for legal non-conforming uses.

ANALYSIS

In recent years, Florida has experienced an increase in the number of adult arcades. Such establishments typically offer simulated gambling devices for use by the public. Recognizing that adult arcades are associated with illegal gambling in violation of Chapter 849, Florida Statutes, and other crimes, including violent crimes and property crimes, local governments have passed ordinances prohibiting the use of simulated gambling devices and/or the operation of arcades within their respective jurisdictions. To avoid the proliferation of adult arcades in Greenacres, the proposed ordinance defines adult arcades and related terms and it prohibits the operation of such establishments within the City. If adopted, the ordinance would permit legally operating arcades to continue as non-conforming uses.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A business impact estimate has been posted. There is no anticipated financial impact to the City.

LEGAL

City Attorney has reviewed the item and all supporting documents for legal sufficiency and compliance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending approval of Ordinance 2023-14.