
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: July 14, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM** _____

DATE: 07.08.2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DERRICK SMITH, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Consider Amendment of Section 8-22 of Chapter 8 of the City of Port Lavaca's Code of Ordinances

In accordance with Section 8-22 of Chapter 8 of the City of Port Lavaca's Code of Ordinances, no business shall operate more than six amusement redemption machines or random generator machines for a profit at any location. However, if a corporation operates as a nonprofit, then our ordinances do not address limitations on the number of machines.

As you are aware, a nonprofit corporation was wanting to open an amusement center with a total of eighty (80) eight-liners. Even though the business would be in compliance with our ordinances as it is written, staff question if it met the intent of the ordinance. Therefore, staff requested advice from council members and legal counsel prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the business to operate.

After discussion with council in the July 7, 2025 workshop, it was the general consensus to not have limitations on the number of amusement redemption machines or random generator machines businesses operating for profit.

Therefore, it is staff's recommendation that Section 8-22 of Chapter 8- Amusement Machines be amended as follows:

Sec. 8-22. - Location and number of machines allowed within city limits.

Within each place of business in which machines regulated under this section are operated ~~for a profit~~, the machines will be so situated that they will be in full, open public view. ~~Further, no owner shall operate more than six amusement redemption machines or random generator machines at any location.~~

(Ord. No. G-4-02, § IV, 12-9-2002; [Ord. No. G-3-15](#), § 1, 4-13-2015)