

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Discussion of placing limits/moratorium on issuance of new liquor licenses, thus limiting the number of gaming machines.

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Staff Contact: Jeff Fiegenschuh, City Manager

Summary: For the past few years, several council members approached staff about the idea of limiting the number of gaming machines in the City of Rochelle. According to state statute, gaming machines are allowed with the appropriate liquor licenses. I would like to have a discussion with the council to get a policy direction. If this is the direction a majority would like to go, I will ask our legal counsel to present an ordinance at the second meeting in January. For your reference, please see the attached draft ordinance eliminating three licenses (by request) and placing a two-year restriction on Class B licenses. Also included is a one-page document I asked our administrative staff to prepare. It includes several communities similar to Rochelle and the number of gaming machines that exist in their corporate limits.

Supporting Documents:

Recent gaming revenues

Liquor and gaming info from sheet

Proposed ordinance