



# AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council  
City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	06/17/2025	Agenda Items	
Approved by City Manager		Presenter(s)	Requestor, Councilman Cook
Reviewed by City Attorney		Department	Ordinances/ City Secretary
Subject	Discussion and possible action on Eight Liner Machines Prohibited Ordinance, §130.07; Councilman Cook.		
Attachments / Supporting documents			
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:	Codifications if necessary	
	Amount Budgeted:	N/A	
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

## Executive Summary

Citizen has inquired about why this prohibition was in place for someone to open and operate a legitimate business.

\*\* If any changes are decided upon, an ordinance amendment/repeal would be required and brought before Council at the following meeting for approvals.

### § 130.07 EIGHT-LINER MACHINES PROHIBITED.

(A) For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**EIGHT-LINER** or **EIGHT-LINER MACHINE**. A coin-operated machine or contrivance capable of being used for games of chance, including but not limited to, a Tic-Tac-Toe eight-liner or video poker machine or other contrivance or paraphernalia, on which games of chance can be played for a consideration and which afford the player an opportunity to win a prize, gift certificate or thing of value, whether or not the prize is automatically paid by the contrivance, having a wholesale value available from a single play of the game or device once or \$5, whichever is less, but excluding the machines listed in § 2153.004 of the Texas Occupations Code.

**GAME ROOM FOR EIGHT-LINERS**. Any building or portion thereof, used for the exhibition or displaying of eight-liners.

(B) *Eight-liners prohibited.*

(1) Eight-liners are prohibited within the city.

(2) Game rooms for eight-liners are prohibited within the city.

(C) *Affirmative defense.* In any prosecution under this section, it is an affirmative defense if the owner or operator of the alleged unlawful eight-liner machines had placed or located said machines in the city on or before the date of the passage of this section.

(Ord. 105-04, passed 3-16-04; Am. Ord. 103-07, passed 3-20-07) [Penalty, see § 130.99](#)

## Recommended Action

Council Discretion