

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-__

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 234 REGARDING THE LICENSING OF COIN-OPERATED MACHINES IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

WHEREAS, the Village of Winnebago previously adopted Ordinance No. 234 in 1950, requiring the licensing of billiard tables, musical devices, table games, slot machines, and similar devices offered for public use; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 234 established an annual license fee of \$10 per machine and provided for enforcement and penalties for non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the provisions of Ordinance No. 234 are outdated and no longer aligned with current regulatory practices; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of the ordinance may have included regulation of activities associated with or resembling gambling; and

WHEREAS, such activities, including video gaming, are now comprehensively regulated by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the administrative burden of maintaining and enforcing this ordinance outweighs its limited fiscal and regulatory benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to eliminate outdated and duplicative regulations and improve administrative efficiency and consistency within the Village Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I – REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 234

Ordinance No. 234, entitled “An Ordinance to regulate and license billiard, pool, bagatelle or pigeon tables, musical devices, table games and slot machines and any similar type of game, machine or device offered or maintained for public use,” is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION II – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION III – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026

Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

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