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Introduced by: Paul Barden  
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ORDINANCE NO. 2366

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AN ORDINANCE relating to gambling; permitting certain gambling activities; and adding a new section to Ordinance No. 2041.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

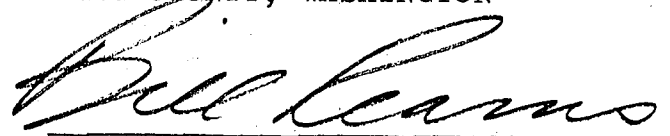
SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. A new section is hereby added to Ordinance No. 2041 to read as follows:

The conduct of all punchboards, pulltabs and social card games provided for by RCW 9.46.030 is permitted after May 30, 1975, pursuant to RCW 9.46.295.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1975.

PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1975.

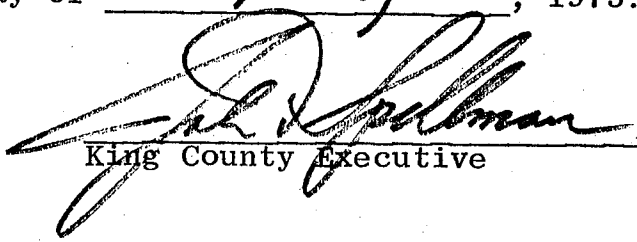
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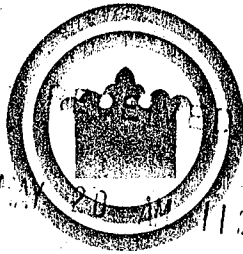
  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

~~APPROVED~~ **VETOED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1975.

  
King County Executive



**John D. Spellman**  
County Executive

King County Courthouse  
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May 20, 1975

The Honorable Members  
King County Council  
B U I L D I N G

Honorable Members:


Attached is Ordinance No. 2366 which I have vetoed.

The reasons for the veto have been stated in earlier veto messages concerning legalization of punchboards and pulltabs. In short, in this era of increased awareness of consumer protection, it is inappropriate that we legalize punchboards and pulltabs which are potentially the ultimate in consumer fraud. Also, because of their traditional connection with organized crime, almost every state in the Union prohibits such devices.

The new and commanding reason for this veto is that the Council unanimously placed the issue of whether punchboards, pulltabs, and commercial cardrooms should be allowed in King County on the ballot for an advisory vote last September. The voters rejected these forms of gambling; and, consistent with its promise to follow the will of the electorate, the Council then unanimously passed an ordinance banning these activities.

Now, only seven months later, a majority of the Council has passed an ordinance completely contrary to the vote of the people. That ordinance should be vetoed and the Council should proceed to implement the will of the electorate as reflected by the advisory ballot.

Sincerely,



John D. Spellman  
County Executive