

ORDINANCE NO. 2564

AN ORDINANCE relating to gambling; placing a tax on the operation of social card games; adding a new section to Ordinance 2041 and K.C.C. 12.54.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby levied upon all persons, associations, and organizations who have been duly licensed to operate social card games under the provisions of R.C.W. 9.46.030 (1), (3), a tax per year as follows:

- a). \$1000 for the operation of such card games; plus,
- b). An amount equal to 10% of the annual gross receipts exceeding \$10,000.

INTRODUCED AND READ FOR the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1975.

PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1975.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bill Reams  
Chairman

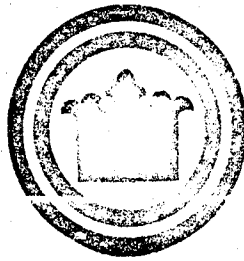
ATTEST:

Joseph M. Owens  
Clerk of the Council

DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day DATED: December 25, 1975.

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King County Executive



John D. Spellman  
County Executive

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December 24, 1975

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

Honorable Members:

During the past two years--since December of 1973 when state laws and regulations regarding gambling became effective and ready for County local option--my views on gambling in King County have been stated to the Council many times. They have not changed.

I still believe that punchboards and pulltabs are examples of patent and ultimate consumer fraud, as stated in my veto message of April 19, 1974. I still believe the Council is acting completely contrary to the advisory ballot in which the voters rejected not only punchboards and pulltabs, but also commercial cardrooms, as stated in my veto message of May 20, 1975. On that occasion the Council overrode my veto.

The Council has continually refused to exercise the local option and prohibit commercial cardrooms, however, and they are, in fact, operating throughout the County. If I opted to veto the Council's latest gambling measure, Ordinance No. 2564, it would not result in prohibiting commercial cardrooms, but rather in allowing them to continue operating without being taxed.

I am therefore reluctantly returning Ordinance No. 2564 to the Council unsigned; and calling upon the Council to reconsider this matter after they are reorganized.