

## ARTICLE XII. CLASS B (GEORGIA EDUCATIONAL LOTTERY COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINE) ORDINANCE

### SECTION ONE:

- **Sec. 22-320. Short Title.**

This Article shall be known as the "City of Fort Valley Class B Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine Ordinance." This ordinance is separate from Fort Valley Ordinance sec 22-193 to ensure clarity for any licensee or business desiring to operate class B machines under the Georgia Lottery within the City of Fort Valley.

- **Sec. 22-321. Class B Gambling Devices Prohibited.**

Gambling Devices, as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-20(2), are prohibited in the City, and the ownership, use, or transport thereof shall be a misdemeanor pursuant to state law, except as exempted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(a) through (k) and regulated by the Georgia Lottery Corporation ("GLC") pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, *et. seq.*

- **Sec. 22-322. Gambling Places Prohibited.**

Gambling Places, as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-20(3) are prohibited in the City, and the operation thereof shall be a misdemeanor pursuant to state law.

- **Sec. 22-323. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, or phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) *Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines* means any location as provided in O.C.G.A. §16-12-35(b), (c) or (d) where one or more Georgia Lottery Class B Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines are operated that permit non-cash redemption as provided in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d)(1)(B), (C), or a combination thereof.
- (b) *Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine (Class B)* means the same as this term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70(b)(2)(A) and (B) and any applicable regulations of the State of Georgia.
- (c) *Class B Machine* shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A §50-27-70.
- (d) *Location* means a business within the City that has complied with the provisions of the ordinances of the City relating to business tax certificates and refers to the entire office or area of the business in any one location owned or leased by the same proprietor or proprietors where the Lessor or Lessors allow the space to be used for business purposes.
- (e) *Location owner or location operator* means an owner or operator of a business where one or more Class B bona fide coin operated amusement machines are available for commercial use and play by the public, or shall have the same definition as found in the O.C.G.A §50-27-70, should that definition differ.

- (f) *Operator* means any person, individual, firm company, association, corporation, or other business entity owning any class B bona fide coin operated amusement machine in the this state, or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. §50-27-70, should that definition differ.
- (g) *Owner* means any person, individual, firm, company, association, corporation, or other business entity owning any class B bona fide coin operated amusement machine in this state or shall have the same definition as O.C.G.A §50-27-70, that definition differ.

- **Sec. 22-324. License Required.**

- (a) Any class B (Lottery) amusement location owner who desires to place one or more class B bona fide coin-operated amusement machines in a location that is not otherwise licensed as a business shall first obtain a business license and permit from the city.
- (b) Any amusement location owner operating a class B bona fide coin-operated amusement machines in a business in the city shall note such operation on any occupational tax filing required by the city.
- (c) All state licensing requirements for the operation of class B bona fide coin-operated amusement machines shall be met before said amusement machines are operated in the city.
- (d) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of an owner or proprietor of an Amusement Game Room, as the term is herein defined, without first applying for and obtaining an Amusement Game Room registration and a class B bona fide coin-operated amusement machine permit, without first having paid the applicable business tax certificate and class B machine permit fee for each machine. Nor shall no person operate within any business or location within the City of Fort Valley without first obtaining a business tax certificate required under this Ordinance.
- (e) A separate class B Amusement Game Room registration must be obtained for each location in the jurisdiction in which class B bona fide coin operated amusement machines are operated.
- (f) Proprietors desiring to operate class B Lotto Machines are required to register each machine annually with the city upon renewing business license with a limit to six (6) machines in any location. COAM (Class B) registration shall consist of the GLC sticker number, physical location/address of machine, name/phone number/address of Master license holder, distributor name/phone number/address to include distributor business name. Registration shall include a signed affidavit ensuring that there are no unregistered COAMs on the premise and there are no COAMs in separate rooms or hidden within the business premise.

- **Sec. 22-325. Issuance of Annual Registration.**

Application for an annual registration for operating a class B Amusement Game Room within the corporate limits of the City shall be made to the City Administrator or his or her designee upon a form to be supplied by the City Administrator or his or her designee for this purpose. The application for the annual registration shall include at a minimum the following information:

- a) Verification of valid location license in accordance with O.C.G.A §50-27-71 (a.1) and (b).

Upon issuing a registration for an Amusement Game Room, the City Manager or his or her designee

shall provide the annual registration with a copy of this Ordinance. The City shall not require a fee for registration of an Amusement Game Room. A registration issued in accordance with this Ordinance shall be valid until October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the registration was issued. The owner or operator of an Amusement Game Room shall be required to pay business tax certificate in accordance with the Revenue Ordinance [Sec. 21-22](#).

- **Sec. 22-326. Business Tax Certificate Required.**

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of an owner or proprietor of an Amusement Game Room, as the term is herein defined, without first having completed the business tax certificate application form, paid the required business tax and obtained a business tax certificate.

- **Sec. 22-327. Minimum Distance Requirements.**

(a) Any business location which offers to the public one (1) or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines in the City shall comply with the proximity provision for businesses licensed to sell alcohol as provided in Sec. 10-138.

(b) After a hearing, the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem may waive the applicability of this provision to an individual location if no alcohol is sold at such location. However, should a licensee commence the sale or dispensation after obtaining a registration pursuant to this Article, such registration will be valid only to the extent the registrant can demonstrate compliance with subsection (a) hereof.

- **Sec. 22-328. Rules for wins between Customers and Business Owners, Managers, and Employees of Class B COAM City Approve Locations.**

a) All locations (business) providing access to class B COAMs to customers shall provide merchandise and services as prescribed in GLC (Georgia Lottery Commission) Policies and Procedures. All locations (business) providing access to class B COAMs must participate in the Georgia Lottery for Education.

b) Pursuant to Georgia Code §50-27-23(d) no lottery Tickets or Shares shall be sold to persons under the age of eighteen (18) nor shall any prize be shall paid directly to a Minor.

1. No person knowingly, directly or through another person, shall permit, cause to permit any person in such person's employ to permit to allow any person under 18 years of age play or occupy any COAM machine in the City of Fort Valley;
2. No person under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase or knowingly play or interact with any COAM Machine;
3. No person under 18 years of age shall misrepresent such person's age in any manner whatsoever for the purpose of illegally obtaining permission, interact, nor purchase to play any COAM Machine in Fort Valley;
4. No person, knowingly or intentionally, shall act as an agent to purchase or acquire access for, or on behalf of, a person under 18 years of age; and
5. No person under 18 years of age shall misrepresent his identity or use any false identification for the purpose of purchasing, interacting, or playing any COAM machine in the City of Fort Valley.

- c) Proprietor, no locations with approved class B COAM, nor their employees are permitted to exchange wins for cash payouts to customers.

- **Sec. 22-329. Number of Class B (Lottery) Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines at a Location.**

No Class B (Lottery) Amusement Game Locations in the City shall offer to the public more than six (6) Class B machines at one (1) business location within the City.

- **Sec. 22-330. - Video recording systems.**

(a) Any licensee who has COAM (Class B / Lottery) within their establishment is hereby required to install a continuous video recording system, dedicated to the area in which the registered COAM machines are placed, with cameras and lenses of a type, number and location approved by the chief of the police department. Such cameras must be capable of producing a retrievable and identifiable image on film or tape that can be made a permanent record and can be enlarged through projection or other means.

(b) The retrievable image from the security camera must be preserved for a period of at least 21 days from the date the image is retrieved and shall be made available for inspection by the police department, upon request.

- **Sec. 22-331. - Hours of COAM Usage or Play.**

It shall be unlawful for any proprietor, owner, attendee, or person having permanent or temporary management/oversight of a business having registered or unregistered COAM (Class B / Lottery) machines to allow patrons or customers to play, or permit to play COAM machines between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

- **Sec. 22-332. - Sale near churches, other COAMs, and schools.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any for any proprietor, owner, attendee, or person having permanent or temporary management/oversight of a business having registered or unregistered COAM (Class B / Lottery) machines at a place within 300 feet of any church, school, or other business having registered COAM (Class B) machines within the city. Any person who shall violate this section shall, if licensed and having COAM (Class B) Machines, be liable to the suspension or revocation of said Business license. This section shall not apply to any location for which a Business licensed location was issued and approved for a city registered COAM or COAMs based upon a first come/first to have provision. This ordinance applies to annually approved locations with city registered COAMs and shall be only valid for 12 months after the approval of such application. For the purposes of this section, the term "school" does not include college or university.

(b) Distance shall be measured in linear feet by the most direct route of travel on the ground and shall be measured in the following manner:

(1) From the front door of the structure from which malt beverages are sold or offered for sale;

(2) In a straight line to the nearest public sidewalk, walkway, street, road or highway;

(3) Along such public sidewalk, walkway, street, road or highway by the nearest route;

(4) To the front door of the church building, other city approved COAM locations, or to the nearest portion of the school grounds, whichever is applicable.

- **Sec. 22-333. Gross Receipts from Class B (Lottery) Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines and from Business.**

(a) Every Class B (Lottery) Amusement Game Location shall keep records available for inspection by the City Manager or his or her designee that set out separately annual gross receipts for the Class B amusement games and the other products and services sold at the location.

(b) Any location owner or location operator subject to O.C.G.A. §50-27-84(c) is hereby required to provide a copy of the monthly verified report required by such code section to the City Manager or his or her designee. Such report shall indicate the monthly gross retail receipts for each business location located within the City and shall be due by the twentieth day of each month, subsequent to the month in which the sales have taken place. In addition, each owner or operator must provide the City a copy of the annual audit of the reports from the owner or operator to the Georgia Lottery Corporation.

(c) All reports shall be sent the attention of the City Administrator and addressed to the Office of the City Administrator, City of Fort Valley, 204 W. Church St. Fort Valley Ga 31030. All reports shall be post marked no later than the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each month. Failure to report by the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the any month may result in a fine or citation as cited by Sec. 1-12. - Penalty for violation of ordinance.

(d) No location owner or location operator may derive more than fifty (50%) percent of such location owner's or location operator's monthly gross retail receipts for this business location in which the Class B machines are situated from such Class B machines. Compliance with this section requires both the availability of records for inspection and compliance with the fifty (50%) percent of gross retail receipts requirement. Any violations of this provision shall be reported to the Georgia Lottery Corporation.

- **Sec. 22-334. Notice Requirements.**

(a) Every Class B Amusement Game Location shall post a conspicuous sign at with dimensions of at least 11.5 inches by 17.5 inches in size with the following or substantially similar language:

'GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS GIVING OR RECEIPT OF ANY MONEY FOR WINNING A GAME OR GAMES ON AN AMUSEMENT MACHINE; GIVING OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR FREE REPLAYS WON ON AN AMUSEMENT MACHINE; GIVING OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY WON ON ANY AMUSEMENT MACHINE; OR AWARDING ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY OF A VALUE EXCEEDING \$5.00 FOR A SINGLE PLAY OF AN AMUSEMENT MACHINE.'

(b) Every Class B Amusement Game location shall post the registration and business tax certificate issued by the City conspicuously and permanently.

(c) The owner or proprietor of each Class B Amusement Game location shall inform every employee of the acts and omissions prohibited by O.C.G.A. §16-12-35 and by this Ordinance, and

of the penalties for violation of O.C.G.A. §16-12-35 and this Ordinance.

- **Sec. 22-335. Compliance with O.C.G.A. Provisions Relating to Master Licenses, Location Licenses, and Stickers for Individual Machines.**

Class B Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines may be used in an Amusement Game Location within the City only if the machines are owned by a person who holds a valid master license in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-27-71, and each machine offered to the public for play has a valid permit sticker in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-27-78. In addition, the business owner where the machines are available for play by the public must pay a location license fee in order to obtain a valid location license in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-27-71 (a.I) and (b). Failure to have a valid location license will result in the registration application not being processed. The City Manager or his or her designee responsible for issuing business licenses shall notify the State Commissioner of Revenue of any observed violation of O.C.G.A. §50-27-71 or §50-27-78.

- **Sec. 22-336. Alcohol Beverage Consumption Card Permit Suspension and Revocation.**

(a) The City may suspend or revoke the City-issued Alcoholic Beverage Consumption (ABC Card) cards within any location, the license of its owner, the ABC cards of its employees, bouncers, DJs, Waiters, Waitresses, bartenders, security personnel. Any suspension or revocation imposed shall prevent the location operator from manufacturing, distributing, or selling alcoholic beverages in the City. Said suspension or revocation shall also void any other license or permit granted by the City, as a penalty for the conviction of the location owner or operator of a violation of the O.C.G.A. §16-12-35 (e), (f), or (g) or for violation of one or more provisions of this Ordinance. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance may also be punished in accordance with the general penalty section of the City Code.

(b) The City may suspend or revoke the Alcoholic Beverage License of any location owner or location operator of any other license or ABC permits granted by the City as a penalty for the conviction of the business owner or business operator of a violation of O.C.G.A. §16-12-35 (e), (f), or (g).

(c) The suspension or revocation of an ABC Permit under this Ordinance, or other penalties imposed, shall be in accordance with the following guidelines of due process:

- (1) No ABC Permit which has been issued or which may be issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be suspended or revoked except for due cause and after hearing and upon prior three-day written notice to the holder of the registration of the time, place and purpose of the hearing and a statement of the charges upon which the hearing shall be held, unless such hearing has been waived pursuant to stipulation as provided under Subsection (8). Such notice shall provide the reasons for the suspension or revocation sought and shall be mailed or delivered to the holder of the registration.
- (2) The term "due cause" for the purposes of this section shall include, but not be limited to:

- (A) Conviction of, or the entering of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by, the licensee or any of his employees or any person holding an interest in the license for any felony, any law, administrative regulation or ordinance involving alcoholic beverages, gambling or narcotics, or tax laws.
- (B) Conviction of, or the entering of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by, the licensee or any of his employees or any person holding an interest in the license for any sex offense when the licensed business is for on-premises consumption.
- (C) Suspension or revocation of any state license required as a condition for the possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages.
- (D) Material falsification of any fact given in an application for a permit issued under this chapter or bearing upon the licensee's qualification therefore. Any act which may be construed as a subterfuge in an effort to circumvent any of the qualifications for a permit under this chapter shall be deemed a violation of the requirement attempted to be circumvented.
- (E) Failure to meet or maintain any standard prescribed by this Ordinance as a condition or qualification for holding an alcohol permit.
- (F) Any other factor known to or discovered by the City whereby it is objectively shown the licensee, any of the licensee's employees or any person holding an interest in a license, has engaged in conduct at or involving the licensed business or has permitted conduct on the licensed premises that constitutes a violation of federal or state law, local ordinance or administrative regulations involving alcoholic beverages, gambling or narcotics for all alcohol licensed businesses and including any sex offense under state law or local ordinances with respect to businesses licensed for on-premises consumption. With respect to this section, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the act was done with the knowledge or consent of the licensee; provided, however, that such presumption may be rebutted only by evidence which precludes every other reasonable hypothesis save that such licensee did not know, assist or aid in such occurrence, or in the exercise of full diligence that such licensee could not have discovered or prevented such activity.

(3) Notice of suspension or revocation proceedings shall be served on the person named as licensee in the application. Notice shall be in writing. The notice may be served personally or by first class mail. If by mail, the notice shall be addressed to the licensee at its address as provided by the licensee to the City. The burden shall be on the licensee to provide notice, in writing, of any change of address for service of notices and process. In the case of service by mail of any notice required by this Ordinance, the service is complete at the time of deposit in the United States Postal Service.

(4) The hearing shall be conducted by the judge of Municipal Court of the City of Fort Valley.

(5) Hearings shall be only as formal as necessary to preserve order and shall be compatible with the principles of justice. The City shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that due cause exists to suspend or revoke the license. At the hearing the licensee shall have the right to represent itself or be represented by counsel, may cross examine



all witnesses offered by the City, and may call witnesses and present evidence in its own behalf. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply to hearings under this section, although the hearing officer shall have the right to exclude evidence which carries no indicia of reliability. All testimony shall be offered under oath or affirmation.

(6) The judge shall make his final determination within ten (10) business days of the completion of the hearing. The decision shall be placed in writing and contain the judge's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decision as to sanction, if any. Such sanction may include one or more sanction as prescribed by the Municipal Court Judge of the City of Fort Valley. Such sanction may include one or more of the following: revocation of the license; suspension of the license for no more than twelve (12) months; imposition of a probationary period not to exceed twelve (12) months; and/or a civil monetary penalty not to exceed the amount allowed under the City Code. Progressive sanctions, depending on the severity of the violation, are encouraged but not required. Where the remaining term of the license is less than twelve (12) months, imposition of suspension or probation for a period in excess of the term of the existing license shall be applied to any renewal license. A subsequent violation within a probationary period shall be cause for revocation and/or denial of license renewal. A total of six (6) separate and unrelated violations within twenty-four (24) months, whether or not within a probationary period, shall be grounds for permanent revocation.

(7) The judge's decision shall be personally served or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to the licensee and his attorney, with a copy to the City Attorney, within ten (10) business days of the close of the hearing. The decision of the hearing officer shall constitute final action by the City of Fort Valley.

(8) Upon receipt of notice of adverse action against the licensee under this section, the licensee may waive its right to a hearing and stipulate to a sanction, as recommended by the City Administrator, in consultation with the chief of police. Any stipulation entered under this subsection shall be in writing, signed by the licensee, and non-appealable.

- **Sec. 22-337. Criminal Penalties for Violations by Owners or Operators of Amusement Game Locations.**

(a) Penalties for violation of the provisions of the Ordinance by the owner or operator of an Amusement Game Location, after conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Fort Valley are as follows:

(1) First Offense: Fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each violation.

(2) Second Offense: Fine not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars for each violation, suspension of the owner or operator's registration for offering any amusement game at the Location for not more than three (3) months, or both.

(3) Third Offense: Fine not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for each violation, suspension or permanent revocation of the owner or operator's registration for offering any amusement game at the Location, or suspension of other permits and licenses granted by the City for not more than six (6) months, or any combination of these penalties.



(b) The fines listed in the penalties for violation of this Ordinance may be imposed by a judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Fort Valley. Suspension or revocation of the owner or operator's registration for offering any amusement game at the location where the violation occurred, and suspension of other permits and licenses granted by the City may be imposed by the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem after a public hearing as described in Sec. 6- 2812 of this Ordinance.

(c) Offering one or more Class B (Lottery) Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine games in violation of an order suspending or revoking the registration for the offering of any amusement game at the location is punishable, after conviction in Municipal Court, by a fine not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

- **Sec. 22-338. Penalties for Violations by those Who Play Class B (Lottery) Bona Fide Coin Operated Machines in Violation of Law or Ordinance.**

The Municipal Court of the City of Fort Valley is authorized to impose the following penalties on any person convicted of receiving money as a reward for the successful play or winning of any Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine from any person owning, possessing, controlling or overseeing such Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine or any person employed by or acting on behalf of a person owning, possessing, controlling or overseeing a Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines:

{1} First Offense: Fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars for each violation.

{2} Second and Subsequent Offenses: Fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each violation.

- **Sec. 22-339. Plain View Defined**

**Plain view** means the COAM machine(s) is placed in such a location or a position within a business location as to be easily discernible by the ordinary observation of a passerby or person entering the location. From the entrance of the location placement of COAM(s) is not covered or is in any other way concealed from view.

- **Sec. 22-340. Operating Regulations.**

All businesses operating as an Class B (Lottery) Amusement Game Location hereunder shall be subject to the following regulations:

- a. *Devices to Be Kept in Plain View; Gambling Devices Prohibited.* All bona fide coin operated amusement machines shall at all times be kept and placed in plain view of and open and accessible to any person(s) who may frequent or be in any place of business where such machines are kept or used. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize, permit or license any gambling device of any nature whatsoever.
- b. *Inspection.* The chief of police or his or her designee may inspect or cause the inspection of any location in which any such bona fide coin operated amusement machine(s) are operated or set

up for operating, and may inspect, investigate and test such machines as needed.

c. *Separate Rooms and Appropriate Locations.* Licensee will not place bona fide coin operated amusement machines in a separate room within licensed business.

d. *Obstructions on Door and/or Windows.* Businesses that have installed COAM (Class B) machines shall not place posters, advertisements, or any types of obstructions on the windows or doors of any location or business whereas COAMs are located and being used by the public.

e. *Attendant Required.* It shall be unlawful for any location owner or location operator to open the location to the public unless an attendant is present. Said attendant shall be of sufficient mental and physical capacity so as to be able to provide aid to patrons if needed or desired. Said attendant shall not be less than 18 years of age.

f. *Loitering.* As used in this section, "loitering" shall mean remaining idle in essentially one location and shall include the concepts of spending time idly, loafing or walking about aimlessly, and shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation licensed to operate an class B (Lottery) Amusement Game Location to permit loitering on or in the immediate vicinity of any machine or business premises regulated hereunder in such a manner as to:

- (1) Create or cause to be created a danger of a breach of the peace;
- (2) Create or cause to be created any disturbance of the peace, as defined by law;
- (3) Obstruct the free passage of vehicles, pedestrians, or customers;
- (4) Obstruct, molest or interfere with any person "lawfully in a public place".
- (5) Shirt and shoes required. All location owners and location operators shall require shirts and shoes to be worn at all times by any person frequenting their location.

• **Sec. 22-341. Placement Violation for Master Licensor and Distributors.**

Master licensee and distributors may be subject to fines should COAM(s) (Class B) be installed or emplaced in a location within a business or building not in compliance with Sec. 22-332. - Sale near churches, other COAMs, and schools. Fines may accrue daily until in compliance.

• **Sec. 22-342. Registration and Permits Nontransferable.**

- a. Registrations required pursuant to this Ordinance are nontransferable. All businesses that have bona fide coin operated amusement machines on the premises shall display, in plain view, the current class B (Lottery) Amusement Game Location registration and business tax certificate issued by the City.
- b. The issued registration shall not be transferred to another owner at the same site within the City. A new owner or proprietor must first obtain a new annual registration if he/she intends to operate in the same or different location in the City.

- **Sec. 22-343. Enforcing Officer.**

The chief of police or his designee is hereby designated as the enforcement officer and shall execute all requirements of this Ordinance.