CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #656H

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-152 OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VIDEO GAMING LOCATION PERMITS AND PROVIDE FOR NON-ABANDONMENT OF LICENSES PENDING STATE APPROVAL

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

Published in Pamphlet Form this 19th day of December 2023.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 14-152 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code is amended to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit A which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law which publication is hereby authorized.

Voting Aye: Stevens, Albertini, McGee, Mulhall, Snow and Mayor Morris.

Voting Nay: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Gramkowski.

Absent:

None.

APPROVED:

Clinton Morris

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Turnipseed

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Passed:

December 18, 2023

Approved:

December 19, 2023

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Sec. 14-452. Permits required.

- (a) No licensed location shall operate video gaming terminals without first obtaining a location permit from the city clerk and paying the terminal registration fees provided for in this article. The privilege of operating a licensed location in the city is purely a personal privilege associated with a specific location and a location permit is non-transferable to another location. However, upon the transfer or sale of a licensed location to a new entity, the location permit, that has not been abandoned or surrendered, shall transfer to the new entity upon approval of any new liquor license and payment of the video gaming terminal fees provided for under this article.
- (b) Receipt of a location permit shall not relieve any person from obtaining any other necessary state or local permits, licenses or approvals, including, but not limited to any zoning relief, and a location permit shall not be valid until all such permits, licenses and approvals are received.
- (c) In the event a licensed location ceases operating video gaming terminals for 60 days or more the location permit as well as the video gaming terminal registrations shall be deemed abandoned and forfeited. In the event of a sale or transfer of the business at a licensed location, the video gaming registrations and location permit shall not be deemed abandoned if the new owner promptly files for a State of Illinois video gaming license and the State of Illinois fails to grant or deny the State video gaming license within 60 days of the transfer of the business. If the State of Illinois denies the license, after exhausting appeals, then the video gaming terminal registrations and the location permit shall be deemed forfeited.
- (d) The owner or business operator of a licensed location shall immediately surrender a location permit upon ceasing business operations or upon the removal of all video gaming terminals from the licensed location.
- (e) There shall not be more than 50 licensed locations within the city at any one time nor more than 50 location permits issued by the city clerk.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF BOONE)

Sarah Turnipseed, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #656H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on December 19, 2023, and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #656H on the bulletin board in the lobby of Belvidere City Hall at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily accessible to the public during business hours of the City Clerk's office.

Sarah Turnipseed

City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 19th day of Dec., 2023.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8/7/2027

Notary Public