

ORDINANCE NO. 183 A

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER Walter Prouty

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PIN BALL MACHINES (tables and boards) MERCHANDISE MACHINES KNOW AS GRAB MACHINES AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES AND GAMES OPERATED BY DEPOSITING OR INSERTING A COIN OR SLUG AND ALSO MUSIC BOXES OR MACHINES TO BE OFFENSIVE TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATING THEREOF AND REVOKING OF SUCH LICENSES; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OR PLAYING THEREOF BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY OF THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Whereas, the operation and maintenance in the City of Warrenton of Pin Ball Machines (tables or boards), Grab machines or similar devices and music boxes tend to become dangerous to the moral welfare of minors and others, and places and premises where such machines or devices are operated and maintained require the constant supervision and regulation of police, now, therefore,

THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the operation and/or maintenance of pin ball machines (tables or boards), Merchandise machines, known as Grab Machines and similar devices, also music boxes or machines, which are operated by inserting or depositing a coin or slug are hereby declared to be offensive to the public welfare, and in the judgment of the City Commissioners the public good requires such to be licensed and regulated.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation or playing of any pin ball machine (table or board) or Grab machines, or music boxes in which coins or slugs are inserted or deposited or similar device or game without first obtaining a license therefor in the manner as hereinafter provided.

The term "Person" used in this ordinance shall mean any firm, individual or corporation.

Section 3. Any person desiring to obtain a license to operate or maintain a pin ball machine (board or table), Grab machine or similar device or game, or music box, shall make application therefor to the Auditor and Police Judge in the City of Warrenton

on blanks provided for that purpose, and shall describe the place of business and premises where such machine or device is to be operated and/or maintained and the number of such machines or devices and such application shall be signed by such applicant.

Section 4. Licenses: The following schedule of licenses shall apply to each machine or device herein provided for, which license shall be issued for a quarter of a year, namely, January 1 to April 1st, from April 1st to July 1st, from July 1st to October 1st and from October 1st to January 1st.

(a) A License fee of \$ 15.00 per quarter shall be paid for each pin ball machine (table or board) grab machine or similar device or game.

(b) A License fee of \$ 1.50 per quarter shall be paid for each music box or similar device.

Section 5. All licenses herein provided for shall be paid in cash in advance before the license for such machine shall be issued, and those who have applied for licenses, must apply for renewal licenses each quarter.

Section 6. Upon the payment of such license fee the Auditor and Police Judge shall issue to such applicant, upon the approval of the City Commission of the City of Warrenton, a license for each machine or device so licensed for a period of a quarter of a year as herein provided. It shall be the duty of such licensee to post and keep posted on each machine or device so licensed, the license therefor as issued by the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Warrenton, which license shall not be transferrable from one machine to another, except as hereinafter provided.

In the event any such licensee desires to transfer any license from one machine to another, shall make application therefor to the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Warrenton on blanks provided for such purpose and by paying a fee of \$ 1.00 for each such transfer, the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Warrenton is hereby empowered and authorized to make such transfer when-

ever the request is made by such licensee.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer, allow, or permit any person under the age of twenty-one years to operate or play any such machine or device, except music boxes.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of any pin ball machine (table or board), grab machines or similar device or game or music box in his or its premises without first having obtained a license as herein provided.

Section 9. The City Commissioners of the City of Warrenton may revoke and cancel any license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at any time and for any reason it may seem fit and proper.

Section 10. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof in the Municipal Court, be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not exceeding one hundred (100) days or by fine and imprisonment.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. Inasmuch as the objects of this ordinance will be of great benefit to the people of the City of Warrenton and there exists and is an urgent necessity that this ordinance should take affect as soon as possible in order to protect the health, peace, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Warrenton, and because of the fact that said machines herein provided for to be licensed are now being operated in the City of Warrenton without any restriction or control whatever, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance therefore, shall be in full force and affective immediately after its passage by the unanimous vote of all of the Commissioners present, and not less than four members thereof.

Passed by the Commissioners of the City of Warrenton this 28th day
of January, 1936.

Approved by the Mayor this 28th day of January, 1936.

Attest:

MAYOR

AUDITOR AND POLICE JUDGE