

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CODE SECTION PROHIBITING ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES OFFERING MONETARY PRIZES.

WHEREAS, certain business establishments in the City have installed what appear to be unlawful gambling devices; and

WHEREAS, the State has not taken action regarding such devices; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect the public from such devices; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposed ordinance was made available for public inspection prior to its consideration by the City Council; and the Bill was read by title in open meeting two times before final passage by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council being fully informed finds that amending the City Code of Ordinances as provided herein is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREVE COEUR, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New section 210.427 is hereby adopted for inclusion in the City Code of Ordinances, to read as follows:

Section 210.427 – Entertainment Devices Offering Monetary Prizes Prohibited

- (a) No person shall maintain or offer for use by any person, at any place of business in the City of Creve Coeur, any entertainment device that offers a monetary prize to any person regardless of the frequency with which a monetary prize is conferred or the odds of any person realizing a monetary prize.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the term "entertainment device" shall mean any device which operates for the entertainment or amusement of the operator, whether or not manipulated by the operator. The term "entertainment device" includes, but is not limited to, any video game or electronic game or gambling device, regardless of the rules of play. The term "entertainment device" does not include any gambling device which is authorized by the State of Missouri for the premises at which the device is located such as a device which is necessary to participate in any activity which is authorized under Chapter 313 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The term "entertainment device" does not include a cellular telephone owned by a person patronizing the place of business.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the term "monetary prize" means any prize in the form of cash, check, bank transfer, negotiable instrument, store credit, gift card or any ticket or other item that is redeemable for cash, check, bank transfer, negotiable instrument, store credit or gift card.

- (d) Each entertainment device maintained or offered for use in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense on each day it is maintained or offered for use.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after approval in accordance with Section 3.11 (g) of the City Charter.


ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.


MARK MANLIN
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.


DR. ROBERT HOFFMAN
MAYOR

ATTEST:


KELLIE HENKE, MRCC
CITY CLERK

