ORDINANCE NO. 1276

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, repealing Sections 1 through 7 of Kent City Ordinance No. 803 passed 1948, pertaining to punchboards.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1 through 7 of Kent City Ordinance No. 803, passed in 1948, and which reads as follows:

"Section 1. A punchboard, within the meaning of this Ordinance, is defined as any appliance, game, contrivance or device other than games of skill commonly known as Pinball games, for the distribution of merchandise or any other article of value or representative of value, the player or operator of which pays a consideration to so play or operate, for which he may receive a prize or a gift.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation, whether as owner, manager, agent, dealer, clerk or employee, to sell, lease, distribute, operate or permit to be operated or used, or to possess with the intent to use or operate, whether for higher or not, any punchboard as above defined within the limits of the City of Kent without first having obtained a permit to use or operate the same from the City Clerk of the City of Kent.

Section 3. Persons, partnerships, firms, associations or corporations desiring to operate or to keep for operating any punchboard shall, prior to offering the same for play or use or operation, first obtain from the City Clerk of the City of Kent a permit for each such board and shall pay to the City Clerk a fee for each such permit. The fee for each such permit for each such board shall be determined and measured by the gross value or amount of the face of said board multiplied by the rate of three (3) per cent.
The "gross value" or "amount of the face" of such board shall be determined by multiplying the number of punches or tickets used in or on such board by the money purchase price of such punch or ticket irrespective of the method of attachment of such punch or ticket to the said punchboard. Where the tickets or punches used on such board are of un-fixed or indeterminate price, the gross value or amount of face shall be determined by the manufacturer's statement of such value. It shall be the duty of any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation applying for a permit for a punchboard on which the tickets or punches are of un-fixed or indeterminate value to furnish to the City Clerk upon application for permit or to any police officer of the City of Kent upon request an authentic bill or statement of the manufacturer of such board showing the actual gross value of such board.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall, upon application for permit and payment by applicant of the requisite fee for such punchboard, write or stamp upon the fact of said punchboard a statement of the fact that a permit has been issued for such board and shall affix his initials to such statement.

Section 5. Permits issued under the terms of this Ordinance shall be non-transferable.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one years to play, operate or use any such punchboard, and it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation operating or conducting, whether as owner, manager, agent, dealer, clerk or employee, any business where such punchboards are kept or used to permit any person under the age of twenty-one years to play, operate or use any such punchboard within the City of Kent.
Section 7. Any violations of the terms of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor, and the violator shall upon conviction of such violation be punished by a fine of not more than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars or by imprisonment in the City Jail for not more than ten (10) days or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the punchboard operated or maintained in violation of the terms of this Ordinance may be ordered confiscated and destroyed by the Judge before whom conviction of violation was obtained."

is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Attest:

CHARLES BRIDGES, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

JOHN B. BEREITER, CITY ATTORNEY

Passed the 16th day of November, 1964.

Approved the 17th day of November, 1964.

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