AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to gambling, repealing Section 2 of Ordinance 1888.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance 1888 which reads as follows:

"From and after May 1, 1975, punchboards, pulltabs and public card rooms shall be prohibited in the City of Kent."

be and the same hereby is repealed.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:

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

PASSED the ______ day of May, 1975.

APPROVED the ______ day of May, 1975.

PUBLISHED the ______ day of May, 1975.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1911, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

Ordinance 1911 reconsidered July 7, 1975. Motion to override veto failed.

Not published, per instructions of City Attorney
TO: City Council Members  
FROM: Mayor Isabel Hogan  
SUBJECT: Veto of Ordinance #1911 - Gambling

I veto and return without signature Ordinance #1911.

(1) The citizens of Kent have repeatedly indicated they do not want gambling by their votes in the 1972 and 1974 statewide election and the 1974 King County Advisory Ballot.

(2) Petitions and letters opposing punchboards, pulltabs and commercial cardrooms have been received from Kent area citizens. The number of citizens opposing gambling far exceeds those supporting it. There has been citizen support of bingo and raffles by non-profit organizations.

(3) The exclusion of commercial gambling from the City of Kent would not be a hardship on any resident. There is no redeeming social value in commercialized gambling.

(4) The adoption of Ordinance #1911 is not consistent with the action taken by the council in its six months long consideration of the gambling issue culminating in Ordinance #1888. The credibility of the council is in question when a policy position is reversed without factual basis. Ordinance #1888 was adopted by the council endorsing law-enforcement recommendations and reflecting community input and response. These factors have not changed; there is no visible indication that any reconsideration of Ordinance #1888 is warranted.