

ORDINANCE NO. 1608, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OPERATORS OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES, PINBALL AND MARBLE GAMES, FROM ALLOWING PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS TO PLAY SAID DEVICES; ALSO PROHIBITING MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS FROM PLAYING SAID AMUSEMENT DEVICES, PINBALL AND MARBLE GAMES, WITHIN THIS CITY AND DECLARING A VIOLATION THEREOF A MISDEMEANOR, AND FIXING A PENALTY THEREFORE. AND, MAKING THIS ORDINANCE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS. As used in this ordinance, the following words shall have the following meaning:

(a) "Amusement Device" shall mean and include any device, machine, apparatus or other instrument operated electrically, mechanically or manually, for amusement purposes only (other than those now or hereafter prohibited by the ordinances of the City of Sacramento or laws of the State of California, and other than mechanical and electrical musical devices), for the use of which there is required to be deposited in such device, machine, apparatus, or instrument, a coin, token, or other thing of value. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "amusement device" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following types of amusement games:

(1) "Pinball or Marble Game" shall mean and include any device in which marbles, balls, pellets, or other moving objects are propelled, released or rolled either by hand or with the aid of a mechanical plunger or other affixed mechanical device, in such a manner as to result in a score, tally, points or other indications of relative success in the operation and playing of such marble games, whether the same is indicated by, or may be computed by, means of numbers, letters, light, colors, or in any manner whatsoever, and where five or more balls are used in its operation, and where all of such balls count in the total score on said machine.

(b) "Person" shall mean individuals, associations or individuals, partnerships and corporations.

(c) "Operator" shall mean every person who owns, controls, offers for rent, places, has charge of, keeps, maintains, uses or operates any of such amusement device in the City of Sacramento for the purpose of permitting or offering the same for the purpose of being placed or operated.

(d) "Persons under age of eighteen years" shall mean minors under the age of eighteen years.

SECTION 2: It shall be unlawful for the operator of any of the games defined in Section 1 (a) and (b) to permit or allow any person under the age of 18 years to play or operate within the City of Sacramento, any amusement device, pinball or marble game, as the same is defined in this ordinance.

It shall also be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years of age to play or operate, within the City of Sacramento, any amusement device, pinball or marble game as the same is defined in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00, or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period of not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4: That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to take effect immediately. Such emergency being the necessity of prohibiting the operators of amusement devices, pinball and marble games from allowing persons under the age of 18 years to play said devices, and, also prohibiting persons under the age of 18 years from playing said devices, in order to promote the public welfare and the preservation of the public peace.

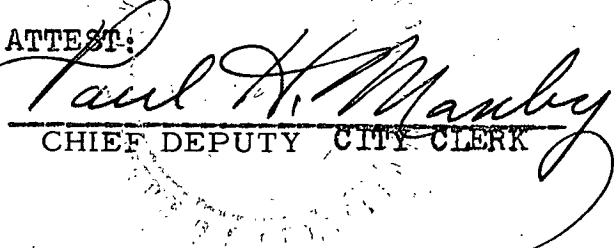
SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall be published once in the official newspaper of said City of Sacramento.

PASSED: August 30, 1951

EFFECTIVE: August 30, 1951


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK