

ORDINANCE NO. 245

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, PROHIBITING SOCIAL CARD GAME ROOM GAMBLING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University Place finds that there is a proliferation of mini-casino social card game room establishments throughout the State, including 27 licenses issued and 47 licenses pending for approval as of May, 1999 ; and

WHEREAS, the rapid emergence of card room establishments has caused many adjacent cities, to pass ordinances prohibiting social card game rooms; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that the prohibition of those activities in nearby communities will render the City of University Place as the only place open for such gambling activities; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to prohibit social card game room gambling within the University Place city limits; and

WHEREAS, RCW 9.46.295 permits cities to absolutely prohibit the licensing of any or all gambling activities allowed by the State under Chapter 9.46.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

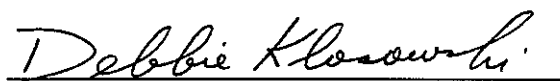
Section 1. Prohibition of Social Card Game Room Gambling. Pursuant to RCW 9.46.295, social card game gambling is hereby prohibited.

Section 2. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall have committed a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

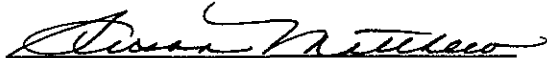
Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be affected.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 2, 1999.


Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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