

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance amending Section 4.14.020(F) of the Bellevue City Code to align with current statutory language.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

In 1995 the City of Bellevue adopted Ordinance 4842 establishing a gambling tax code authorized by RCW Chapter 9.46. Since that time, the definition of “raffle” was updated in the state code to increase the maximum sale price of a raffle ticket to \$100. BCC 4.14.020(F), which currently sets the maximum sale price of a raffle ticket at \$5, needs to be updated to reflect this change to state code.

This action revises the definition of “raffle” to adopt by reference RCW 9.46.0277 to align the City’s definition and requirements for raffles with state code including any future amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6889

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The state authorizes cities to license for revenue and to tax certain gambling activities pursuant to RCW Chapter 9.46. The City of Bellevue adopted Ordinance 4842 in 1995 which established the gambling tax code and specifically authorizes the City to license and tax certain gambling activities including punchboards, pull tabs, Bingo, and raffles. At the time of adoption, the definitions and requirements for each gambling activity aligned with state code.

Over the years, the state increased the amount of individual raffle ticket that could be sold from not more than \$5 to not more than \$100. The City has not updated the amount of each individual raffle ticket to stay aligned with state code. Due to this conflicting language, issues have arisen with groups wanting to hold raffles in the City.

By adopting the language of RCW 9.46.0277 by reference, Bellevue City Code will align with state code as it is amended over time.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Update BCC 5.14.020(F) to align with the current definition of raffles as defined in RCW 9.46.0277.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact from adoption of this change is de minimis to the total citywide budget.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending Section 4.14.020(F) of the Bellevue City Code to align with current statutory language.
2. Do not adopt ordinance and provide alternative direction for staff.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Ordinance - Redlined
Proposed Ordinance No. 6889

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N/A