



Legislation Text

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City Council Agenda

Memo to: Manteca City Council

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Subject: Amendment to Title 5 Section 5.24 of the Manteca Municipal Code Regarding Card Rooms

Waive the final reading by substitution of the title and adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Manteca amending Manteca Municipal Code, Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations, Chapter 5.24 Card Rooms.

Background:

This is the final reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Manteca Municipal Code, Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations, Chapter 5.24 Card Rooms. Council waived the first reading by substitution of the title and introduced the ordinance at the Regular City Council Meeting on May 21, 2019. If approved, this ordinance will be effective thirty days following adoption.

The owner of Casino Real in the City of Manteca approached us about changing some outdated language in the City's Card Room Ordinance. Upon looking at the ordinance, it was in need of being updated and clarified.

The proposed changes include:

- Clarification that after the initial application the card room owners do not need to submit a new set of fingerprints with each quarterly license.
- Eliminate the two year residency requirement for anyone seeking card room licensing. This section is questionable legally and limits the economic opportunities of the current owners should they choose to sell.
- Eliminate the limit of the current owners to only own one card room in town.
- Clean up language on the tables being visible and unneeded signage.

These changes will make the ordinance clearer, less likely to legal challenges, and ensure the current owners have economic freedom to work within the law. The proposed changes were sent to and approved by the State of California Bureau of Gambling Control.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no Fiscal Impact Associated with this item.

Documents Attached:

1. Attachment 1 - Ordinance