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**Ordinance No. 110121**

AN ORDINANCE amending S 5.32.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code to decrease the amusement device tax for riding devices.

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ORDINANCE 110421

AN ORDINANCE amending § 5.32.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code to decrease the amusement device tax for riding devices.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.32.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Section 5.32.170.A. The license fee for any amusement device which is operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be based upon the minimum price levied for play or use of the device. For each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per year((-)); provided that for riding devices, for each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year.

B. The license fee for any amusement device which is not operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per year.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982. *James William* President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982. *Charles Keyes* Mayor.

Filed by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982.

Attest: *Jim Hill* City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE amending § 5.32.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code to decrease the amusement device tax for kiddie rides.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.32.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Section 5.32.170.A. The license fee for any amusement device which is operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be based upon the minimum price levied for play or use of the device. For each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per year((?)); provided that for riding devices, for each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year.

B. The license fee for any amusement device which is not operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per year.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the ..... day of ....., 19 ..,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ..... day of  
....., 19 ..

President ..... of the City Council.

Approved by me this ..... day of ....., 19 ..

Mayor.

Filed by me this ..... day of ....., 19 ..

Attest: .....  
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**Your  
Seattle**  
Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs



Regina L. Glenn, Director  
Charles Royer, Mayor

June 17, 1981

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Paul Kraabel, President  
Seattle City Council

Via: John Saven, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: *Regina Glenn*  
Regina L. Glenn, Director  
Department of Licenses and Consumer Affairs

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT - AMUSEMENT DEVICE ORDINANCE

Attached for your consideration is an amendment to the Amusement Device Ordinance. This revision requests that the license fee for children's rides be set at a lower rate than for video and pinball machines. Since these devices do not produce the high revenues that other amusement devices do, a separate rate is appropriate.

There are an estimated 40 of these devices in the City. The revenue from these devices is as low as \$70 per month or \$840 per year. The typical \$125 license fee would represent 14.9% license fee. The original intent of the Amusement Device Ordinance was to set an approximately 5% tax, similar to what is collected on Admissions Tax. The proposed fee of \$15 per 5¢ play would typically assess an 8.9% tax on a low income machine and average to the 5% level. Other Amusement Devices are paying an average of 2.5% tax of machine revenues.

This special category is necessary so that a segment of the industry is not unduly taxed and can remain active.

The direct revenue loss is \$2,000 in license fees. However, the entire fee may be lost due to the closing of this segment of the industry.

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Attachment



# Affidavit of Publication

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The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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*J. Mihalys*  
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 Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
 February 19, 1982

*Richard C. Jones*  
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 Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
 residing in Seattle.

ORDINANCE 119421

AN ORDINANCE amending § 5.32.178 of the Seattle Municipal Code to decrease the amusement device tax for riding devices.

BE IT OBTAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.32.178 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Section 5.32.178.A. The license fee for any amusement device which is operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be based upon the minimum price levied for play or use of the device. For each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per year~~(\*)~~; provided that for riding devices, for each five cents (\$.05) of the price, the license fee shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) PER YEAR.

B. The license fee for any amusement device which is not operated or activated by the insertion of a coin shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per year.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1982, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1982. *David Williams* President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982. *Charles Royer* Mayor.

Filed by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1982.

Attest: *Tim Hill* City Comptroller and City Clerk.

By: *Thomas Dumbor* Deputy Clerk.

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Publication ordered by TIM HILL, Comptroller and City Clerk.  
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