



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 98-086

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 4.50 RELATING TO TAXING AND
COLLECTING TAXES ON GAMBLING REVENUE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 4.50.020, last amended by Ordinance 80-096 on November 3, 1980, is amended to read:

4.50.020 Tax schedule.

There is hereby levied upon all persons, corporations, associations, and organizations authorized to conduct or operate any gambling activity or amusement game within the unincorporated areas of Snohomish county ~~as provided herein~~, taxes as follows, except as provided in SCC 4.50.025:

(1) Bingo and/or Raffles. These activities shall be taxed at a rate of seven and one-half percent of the gross receipts received therefrom, less the amount ~~awarded paid for~~ as cash or merchandise prizes.

(2) Amusement Games. These activities shall be taxed at a rate of two percent of the gross ~~receipts revenue~~ therefrom less the amount ~~awarded paid for~~ as prizes.

(3) Punch Boards and/or Pull-Tabs. These activities shall be taxed at a rate of five percent of the gross receipts therefrom ~~((--))~~, except that taxation of punch boards and pull tabs for bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations shall be based on gross receipts from the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes and shall be taxed at a rate of ten percent.

(4) Social Card Games and/or Any Other Gambling Activity. These activities, including fund raising events, shall be taxed at a rate of five percent of the gross receipts therefrom ~~to the extent provided below~~, if the activity is

~~PROVIDED, That no tax shall be imposed on bingo, raffles, or amusement games when such activities are conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined by this chapter, which organization has no paid operating or management personnel, and has gross annual receipts from bingo, raffles or amusement games, or any combination thereof not exceeding \$50,000, less the amount paid for as prizes, thereby constituting an exemption from taxation by this chapter. Should said gross annual receipts, less the amount paid for prizes, exceed \$50,000, the tax rates applicable herein shall apply only to such excess; and PROVIDED FURTHER, That the tax provided for in subsection (4) of this section shall apply solely to those social card games and/or any other gambling activity, including fund raising events conducted, held, or operated as a "commercial stimulant" as defined in this chapter. Specifically, such tax shall apply only to such activities conducted in a "public card room" as defined in WAC 230-02-410. (Ord. 80-096 § 1, adopted November 3, 1980; Ord. 80-037, adopted September 15, 1980).~~

Section 2. A new section is added to Chapter 4.50 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

4.50.025 Tax Exemptions.

(1) No tax may be imposed on the first \$50,000 of gross receipts less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes from bingo or amusement games, or any combination thereof, if such activities are conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined by this chapter, and if the organization has no paid operating or management personnel.

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(2) No tax may be imposed on the first \$10,000 of gross receipts less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes from raffles conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter.

Section 3. A new section is added to Chapter 4.50 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

4.50.035 Attachment and priority of tax liens.

As described in RCW 9.46.110, taxes imposed under Chapter 4.50 of the Snohomish County Code become a lien upon personal and real property used in the gambling activity in the same manner as provided for under RCW 84.60.010. The lien shall attach on the date the tax becomes due and shall relate back and have priority against real and personal property to the same extent as ad valorem taxes.

Passed this 23rd day of September, 1998

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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