

# SOCIAL GAMING FACT SHEET

The City of Tualatin is considering an ordinance which would allow social games in Tualatin. Social Games are prohibited by state law, unless a city enacts an ordinance allowing social gaming in its jurisdiction.

**SOCIAL GAMING** is defined as a game, other than a lottery, between players in a private business, private club, or place of public accommodation, where there is no house player, house bank, house odds or house income. A social game is one in which all the money wagered is returned to the players in the form of prizes. Business cannot take a cut or percentage of the money or otherwise profit in any manner from the operation of a game.

**WHAT ARE CONSIDERED "SOCIAL" GAMES?** Games such as Bingo, Raffle, and Monte Carlo or Casino-like games. Trivia and other games of skill are not considered "social games."

**CAN JURISDICTIONS DECIDE WHICH GAMES TO ALLOW?** Cities may be as restrictive as they'd like in their ordinances, or may decide not to allow any gambling or social gaming in their jurisdictions. The City Council will decide what they want to allow in the ordinance.

**REGULATIONS BEING CONSIDERED** - Some of the regulations being considered include: annual permit required; background check; must be 18 years of age; and an administrative inspection process.

**ARE LICENSES REQUIRED FOR GAMES IN HOMES?** Social games played at home are permissible under state law.

**TIMELINE** - In September, the City Council will be considering a draft ordinance which would include requirements listed above.

For more information on Social Gaming, and the proposed ordinance, please contact Lisa Thorpe at [lthorpe@tualatin.gov](mailto:lthorpe@tualatin.gov) or at 503-691-3054.



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