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Item #13

March 8, 2007

This action approves an ordinance to establish a regulatory process for game rooms and amusement redemption machines within the City and creates offenses. This ordinance provides for marking game rooms by posting signage at entrances, requiring game rooms to have transparent windows, allowing unrestricted police access to game rooms and amusement redemption machines during business hours, and police inspection of game rooms and amusement redemption machines for compliance with this ordinance and state law. This action was taken in order to assist police in quelling a recent spate of clandestine game rooms, which offer illegal gambling within the City. These clandestine game rooms have been the subject of multiple calls for police service for robberies, as well as citizen complaints against gambling, teen truancy, and general neighborhood blight.