

# Ordinance No. 832

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 17-46, Article II of Chapter 17 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1953, as amended, which said Section 17-46 relates to COIN-OPERATED DEVICES—SLOT MACHINES; which said Article II relates to REGULATORY LICENSES; and which said Chapter 17 relates to LICENSES.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sec. 17-46, Article II, of Chapter 17 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 17-46. COIN-OPERATED DEVICES—SLOT MACHINES.

Any person having anywhere in the city a slot machine of any description into which are inserted nickels or coins of larger denominations to dispose of articles of merchandise or for the purpose of operating devices that operate on the coin-in-the-slot principle, used for gain, except a pay telephone, shall pay for the privilege of having each such slot machine or device, as the case may be, a license tax of \$35.00 per year; except as follows:

On each coin-operated musical machine or musical device that operates on the coin-in-the-slot principle there is hereby levied a license tax of \$10.00 per year for each such machine or device.

On each coin-operated machine or device used for washing or drying there is hereby levied a license tax of \$5.00 per year for each such machine or device.

On such vending machines as are used solely for the sale of agricultural products, soft drinks or cigars, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$5.00 per year for each machine.

On such vending machines as are used solely for the sale of candy and operated on the premises of moving picture or other theaters, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$10.00 per year for each machine.

On such vending machines as are used for the sale of candy and operated on the premises of any person conducting any other lawful business other than a theater there is levied a license tax of \$15.00 per year for each machine.

On such vending machines operated on premises for which a state tobacco retailer's license has been obtained and used solely for the sale of cigarettes, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$5.00 per year for each machine plus \$0.29 for each \$100.00 of the gross receipts taken through each such machine.

On such machines used solely for selling shoe strings, chewing gum, peanuts or peanut candy and for weighing machines, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$5.00 per year for each machine.

On such machines used solely for selling postage stamps there is hereby levied a license tax of \$2.00 per year for each machine.

On miniature pool tables, in the operation of which nickels or coins of larger denominations are used, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$15.00 per year for each such table.

On amusement machines operated by insertion of one cent, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$20.00 per year for each such machine.

On vending machines operated by the insertion of one cent, there is hereby levied a license tax of \$3.00 per year for each machine.

The commissioner of revenue of the City of Alexandria shall provide annually stickers of such color and design as he may designate to evidence the payment of the license taxes herein prescribed and shall deliver the same to the collector of city taxes fifteen days before the beginning of the license year; and it shall be the duty of the collector of city taxes to deliver to every person paying the license tax herein prescribed on any slot machine a sticker for each such machine to evidence the payment of said license tax, and one sticker shall be attached and securely fastened to each slot machine so that the same may be easily seen, and shall be kept attached to each such machine throughout the license year.

Nothing in this section shall apply to slot machines used solely for the purpose of selling individual sanitary drinking cups or sanitary drinking cups and natural water, or to machines vending sanitary napkins.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the licensing of any slot machine which is unlawful to have, operate or keep under the provisions of state law.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on the first day of January, 1955, at 12:01 a.m.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting.

MARSHALL J. BEVERLEY  
Mayor

Final Passage: September 28, 1954