

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 215

Approved April 13, 1984

RESOLVED, That the Chief of the Providence Police Department is requested to undertake a study of the various business establishments which presently have video games that are not licensed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said Chief of Police report back to the Committee on Finance of the City Council and the Board of Licenses as soon as practical.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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COLONEL ANTHONY J. MANCUSO
CHIEF OF POLICE



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 15, 1984

Ms. Rose Mendonca
City Clerk
City Hall,
Providence, R.I. 02903

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

Regarding your correspondence pertaining to City Council Resolution # 215 I am providing you with the following information.

Members of the License Bureau have conducted a survey of Video machines throughout the City of Providence. There were a number of establishments found to have machines on the premises that were unlicensed and a number of establishments that were improperly licensed. The exact number of machines in the City is not known due to the lack of regulations regarding machine distributors.

The number of "Mechanical Devices" licenses issued by the Board of Licenses as of June 4, 1984 was thirty-eight (38). This accounted for a total of eighty-three (83) machines that were licensed. The survey found that eleven (11) licenses had expired and their holders were notified to renew those on or before July 1, 1984. Four of those establishments were no longer in business, the remainder of those were found to be properly licensed. There will be a follow-up survey to determine which licenses were renewed and to summons those not in compliance. As of September 1, 1984, there were eighty-one (81) locations and 225 Video Machines in the City of Providence.

There are an undetermined amount of "machines" not listed because of the type of license required. I.E. An establishment with more than three (3) machines is required to obtain an amusement license. Those establishments holding a Class-C liquor license, may maintain their device without a separate license.

Please be advised that the law regarding the licensing of Video Machines may have a flaw that would remove what control we now have. If an establishment does not derive it's sole source of income from the machine revenue, they may, under the present law, be allowed to maintain as many machines as they so desire.

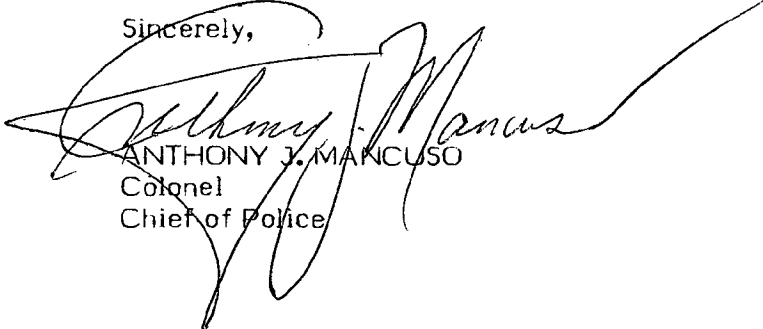
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As noted by the investigators, there appears to be a waining interest in such games, and most store owneres are slowly removing them. The remaining machines are mostly in bars and pubs. There exists one (1) arcade at 580 Manton Avenue, where an amusement license has been issued; and there has been no incidents related to this establishment since its opening.

Recommendations for a more adequate accounting of such devices would be in the form of legislation. Most machines are leased from various companies around the state. Registration forms to be filled with the Bureau of Licenses establishing a flow from distributor to the proprietor would benefit in determining the number of machines, as well as the location of same.

Attached is a list of license holders and locations.

Sincerely,



ANTHONY J. MANCUSO
Colonel
Chief of Police

List of establishments surveyed with unlicensed machines and the number of machines at each location.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>#</u>
Mikes 17 Bar	25 Snow St.	1
Von Steubens Tap	Mathewson St.	2
Dorrance Street Mens Tap	Dorrance St.	1
Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel	Westminster Mall	7
Leo's	99 Chestnut Street	1
Spats Pub & Restaurant	230 Thayer Street	5
J.P.'s Royal Bar	43 Plainfield Street	3
Graduate Center Bar	Thayer Street	15
Rathskellar	Providence College	2
Wedgewood Bar	11 Plainfield Street	1
Green Oak Pub	Westminster Street	2
The Brotherhood Bar	Westminster Street	2
Smith Hill Tap	457 Smith Street	2
First Thirsty	Wickenden & Governor	2
Fantasies	Dean Street	2
Murphy's Delicatessen	55 Union Street	1
Old Timers Tap	52 Mt. Pleasant Avenue	2
Dennis Lounge	Eddy Street	2
133 Restaurant	133 Gano Street	3
Babes Bar	302 Wickenden Street	1
Strombolis Pizza	272 Thayer Street	1
Beef n' Bun	125 Thayer Street	1
Louis' Family Restaurant	266 Brook Street	2
Burger King	Empire Street	2
JP's Korner Kitchen	928 Eddy Street	1
Charles Variety	1308 Eddy Street	3
Store 24	249 Thayer Street	2
Spiros House of Pizza	891 Smith Street	1
Sax's Steak House	242 Broad Street	2
International House of Pancakes	228 Meeting Street	2
Mutts Pizza	167 Benefit Street	2
Taco Machine	610 Elmwood Avenue	2
Rainbow Records	186 Mathewson Street	6
JoAnn's Silver Top Diner	Promenade & Kinsley	1
Beau James Restaurant	1075 N. Main Street	2
Malinka Deli	836 Hope Street	1
Elmwood Laundry	Elmwood Avenue	2
Pete's Place	385 Smith Street	1
Mount Pleasant Bar	3 Mount Pleasant Avenue	1
Bobbies Place	40 Olneyville Square	1
Safari Lounge	103 Eddy Street	1
Ye Olde College Tap	95 Clements Street	1
Silver Lake Variety	261 Pocasset Avenue	1

Those establishments surveyed who paid fees after January 4, 1984.
During this investigation - License expiration was July 1, 1984.

Location	Address	#
Acorn Tap	141 Acorn Tap	2
Olivers Restaurant	85 Benevolent Street	6
Ginny's Place	441 Smith Street	2
Norge Laundry	Elmwood Avenue	2
Bessies Delicatesen	912 Broad Street	2
Big John's Milk Store	196 Stanwood Street	2
Catglo Market	342 Elmwood Avenue	2
Met Inc.	165 Friendship Street	3
Mount Pleasant Bar	3 Mount Pleasant Avenue	2
Public Tap	702 Public Street	2
Prov. F.O.P. # 3	40 Sheridan Street	3
Silver Lake Variety	261 Pocasset Avenue	2
Roy's Tap	370 Valley Street	4
LaBoheme	79 Dorrance Street	1
Gullivers Tavern	318 Chalkstone Avenue	6

Surveyed unlicensed machines at colleges (excluding two (2) unlicensed at PC's Rathskellar and fifteen (15) unlicensed machines at the Brown Grad Center Bar.

Location	# of Machines
Providence College Game Room	13
R.I. College Game Room	22
URI Extension	2
Brown Univ. Fraternities	9

The following locations are presently licensed:

<u>Location & Address</u>	<u># of Machines</u>
Fair Shaks Inc 255 Aborn Street	1
Peter Kilkenny 1 Amden Street	1
John Nimmo 320 Branch Avenue	2
Michael Corsi 725 Branch Avenue	2
1029 Corp 1029 Broad Street	2
Raymond Iovino 258 Carpenter Street	3
Polish National Home 66 Chaffee Street	1
Polish American Club 86 Douglas Avenue	3
El-Reno Inc. 161 Douglas Avenue	3
Eagle Park Ind. Club 400 Douglas Avenue	3
Vanessa Carpenter 610 Elmwood Avenue	2
Portugese Sporting Club 92 Gano Street	2
U.T.T. Inc 353 Hope Street	1
Gaetano Tiberi 2 Luongo Square	2
Cora Sadowski 355 Manton Avenue	2
Fausto Torres 457 Manton Avenue	2

<u>Location & Address</u>	<u># of Machines</u>
Wedgewood Cafe Inc. 10-11 Olneyville Square	2
Karl Marburger 72 Putnam Street	2
Bushwaker Saloon 35 Richmond Street	2
A & S Co. Inc. 230-234 Thayer Street	4
Ernest Paolantonio 217 Union Street	2
Peter Troino 622 Union Avenue	2
J.R. Corp. 120 Weybosset Street	4
Fife & Drum 120 Weybosset Street	4