

ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 69

**ADOPTING CHAPTER 725 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF MASON RELATING TO SWEEPSTAKES/INTERNET  
CAFES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that in other communities where Sweepstakes/Internet Cafes and similar types of businesses currently exist in the State of Ohio, there have been incidents of illegal gambling; an increase in reports of criminal activities in the areas near the businesses; an increase in the number of constituent complaints related to the businesses; and an increase in the need for police oversight to ensure illegal gambling is not occurring; and

WHEREAS, City Council further finds that the enactment of this ordinance to regulate Sweepstakes/Internet Cafes is a substantial government interest for the City in preserving the quality of urban life and that it is in the interest of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of Mason.

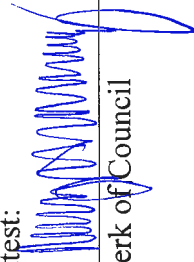
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Chapter 725 of the Mason Codified Ordinances shall be adopted to read as provided in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Mason, and shall take effect immediately. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to implement the regulations at the earliest possible date in order to preserve the quality of urban life and the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Mason.

Passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

  
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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Clerk of Council