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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
C/O Karen Randle
Room 409, City Hall

DATE: July 2, 2010

Attention: Karen Randle

This bill corrects the extension of quarterly payments to all amusement devices and instead limits quarterly payments to just simulated slot devices.

Analysis

An amendment offered to City Council Bill 09-0290, erroneously extended quarterly payments to all amusement devices instead of just simulated slot devices as originally intended. The amendment was intended to relieve simulated slot owners from having to pay an increased fee all at once and instead spread the payments over quarterly installments. Payments for other amusement devices did not realize a fee increase.

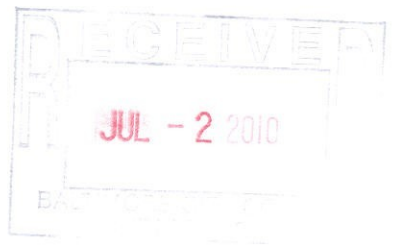
Fiscal Impact

If quarterly payments were extended to all amusement devices, it would required the City to invest substantial sums of funds for either a new computerized system or a major re-write of the current system to accommodate the original amendment. Additionally, more personnel would be required to accommodate the increase in cashier receipts. By limiting the quarterly payments to just simulated slots, the existing billing and accounts receivable system will be able to accommodate the changes and no additional personnel are anticipated.

Recommendation

The Finance Department highly recommends this amendment.

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