



MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Chief deSully

FROM: Sergeant McDonald *AM 10/9/12*

DATE: 10/10/2012

RE: Social Gaming; Current Activities

Recently I have had the opportunity to attempt to determine the number of businesses in Tigard currently involved in Social Gaming, typically the game played is Poker. From what I have been able to determine there appear to be at least 4 businesses who currently host space for Social Gaming. This ranges from games played on a regular basis to infrequent, special events.

In checking into this I attempted to also determine what the prize structure was for these games. In doing so it appears that none of the businesses obtain a "house cut" meaning none of them get any of the money from the gaming directly. In at least one case the business does provide prizes in the form of food credits or logo clothing for the winners of the games. It also appears that in the case of that business they use their employees to run the games.

It does not appear that money is used to buy chips at face value for the games. In some cases there is a nominal "buy in" fee, usually around \$10. This fee appears to go, at least partially, to a company used to run the games at some of the businesses. In at least one case it is used as the prize money and is divided among the top finishers in the games.

In terms of the relationship with Oregon Lottery all of the locations surveyed in the original survey (08/01/2012, attached) have lottery at some level. In that initial survey I was told by at least one business they would not bring in social gaming because they did not want to risk the loss of revenue or the relationship they had with the Oregon Lottery.

It still appears there would be very few businesses change their current practices of social gaming should an ordinance be enacted that allowed it. The main reason for this is that the cost to run the games outweighs the profits gained.



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TO: Assistant Chief de Sully
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DATE: 08/01/2012
RE: Social Gaming Informal Survey

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Over the past week and a half I have had the opportunity to make physical contact with 11 different businesses in the City which would fit the model of providing a place for social gaming. Of these businesses all of them have current liquor licenses with OLCC, serve beer wine and/or spirits and provide areas in their business where, at least at certain times, there are no minors allowed. Most, if not all, are also current Oregon Lottery dealers.

Businesses surveyed were:

Bounty Hunter	11445 SW Pacific Hwy
Gators	11475 SW Pacific Hwy
Richards Deli	11945 SW Pacific Hwy
Blitz Sports Pub	10935 SW 68 th Pkwy.
John Barleycorns	14610 SW Sequoia Parkway
Keystone Café	15700 SW Upper Boones Ferry
JB O'Brien's	11555 SW Durham Rd
Bull Mt Bar and Grill	13727 SW Pacific Hwy
Home Turf	13500 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigardville Station	12370 SW Main St
Carmichael's	12740 SW Pacific Hwy

Of the 11 businesses surveyed none of them were against the idea of the Council passing an ordinance. Most of them, 8, said they were indifferent to the idea. Of those, they who offered told me, they had in the past tried having poker games but it was a money losing venture for them. They explained that when the games are held they would have to pay a company to come put the game on and the patrons that come for the games don't buy anything. They drink water or soda and buy no food. I had managers at Bull Mt Bar and Grill, Home turf, Tigardville Station, Gators, Keystone Cafe, and Blitz tell me that they would not likely bring it back even if there were a new code in place.

Some of the businesses also said they would choose to not have social gaming because of the possible impact on their Oregon Lottery earnings. Richard's and Bull Mt Bar and Grill said they would not want to jeopardize that relationship for poker games.

There are at least two businesses who confirmed they currently host games. Bounty Hunter, who uses a company to administer the games and Carmichael's who uses their own staff to run it.

Only one business suggested one of the reasons they have chosen not to do it and would not in the future was because of concern for the type of clientele it may bring in. At Gator's they prefer to advertise in small ways and use word of mouth and try to stay away from the activities that may bring a bad element to the bar.

One business owner, Pete Louw, of Tigardville Station offered to discuss the issue further if we would like and even offered to speak to Council if needed. His opinion was mainly neutral but added he would not be likely to add it if an ordinance were passed.

All in all the response from those surveyed was generally positive. None of the businesses were against the idea of passing an ordinance. During my conversations with the managers and owners I explained the main reason for the contact. I explained the current law and that they would be notified if the approach from the Police Department changes from current practice. From the survey it does not appear that there are that many businesses engaged in the practice as they do not find it profitable and it certainly does not appear that would change should we pass an ordinance.

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