AGENDA
Special Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Minutes
   • May 9, 2018

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

5. Discussion:
   A. ORDINANCE - Amendment to Chapter 664, Section 664.04; Gambling
   B. ORDINANCE - Repeal Section 676.02 in Chapter 676
   C. ORDINANCE- Amendment to Chapter 676, Section 676.02; Prohibit Depositing, Distributing, Littering, or Creating Visual Blight of Private Residences
   D. UPDATE – Ordinance- Trash & Recycling Bins
   E. DISCUSSION/Place on File – Rules of Procedures for the Board of Police Commissioners

6. Other

7. Adjourn
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CALL TO ORDER
The meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Kathy Miles
Elaine Womboldt
Harold Leeman
Jesse Lasorda
Mary Ellen Purificato
Augustin Mbelu
Joy Mbelu
Jason Wilkes
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Jody Washington, City Council Member - arrived at 4:23 p.m.

Public Comment
No comment at this time.

Minutes
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:
DISCUSSION – Ordinance to Add Chapter 664; RE: Gambling
The Committee reviewed drafts 2 and 3, and Mr. Smiertka confirmed draft 3 was the version to review today. When the review was originally started he noted, the City was going to adopt the State Statue, but found enforcement was not in the Statue but in the Casino Act. The City cannot adopt any Statue that has enforcement of more than 90 days in jail or a fine.
Therefore, the City had to start their new ordinance, Chapter 664 Section 664.04, which uses definitions from the Casino Act, and addresses three (3) types of operations; Gambling, Gambling Game and Gambling Operation. This ordinance would make it a criminal violation to engage in any operation, under a public nuisance which would start civil action against the violator. The same section allows for forfeiture proceedings on all personal property and gives the LPD power to enforce. Council Member Wood asked for discussion and clarification from Law on page 1, and it was confirmed any gambling that exchanges money or credit would be considered illegal. Council Member Garza asked how quick the establishments could be shut down. Council Member Wood stated that if action is taken at Committee and Council they will set the hearing on May 14th for May 21st. Then once it is adopted, Council can ask for immediate effect. Mr. Smiertka noted to the Committee that they might hear complaints that a gambling night at a friend’s house would now be considered gambling and according to the ordinance be considered illegal. Council Member Wood asked if it would affect bingo games as well, and Mr. Smiertka confirmed.

Ms. Miles and Ms. Womboldt spoke in support of the ordinance.

Council Member Wood asked, if the ordinance passes, what the notification process would be. Mr. Smiertka admitted they had not thought about that step but will work with the LPD to see how many places have been identified and work on an enforcement plan.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 21, 2018 FOR THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 664. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION- Ordinance– Newspaper Delivery

Mr. Smiertka noted there are two ordinances before the Committee, one to repeal a section which should be adopted first, and another addressing the issues which speaks to a nuisance. There has been mention in the past, he noted, that this is a freedom of speech issue, because it is a newspaper, but it is permissible to regulate if it is specific to time, place and manner. Mr. Smiertka continued the overview stating his office took language from a direct case at the Supreme Court and the 6th Circuit for the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to further the persons interest to allow their property to be left alone, it is not in any way to regulate freedom of speech. The language regarding “person” speaks to everything including corporation, person etc. Council Member Wood asked if the changes would affect campaigning as long as they were placing any documents on the porch, and Mr. Smiertka confirmed she was correct. Mr. Smiertka then noted maybe the ordinance should be changed to add in “10 year sunset”, however it was determined that the ordinances in general speak to a sunset every 10 years. Council Member Wood asked if this was supported by Council, how will people be notified, suggesting the Clerk have copies of the approved ordinance to provide to any applicants for solicitors, vendors or people running for election. It was also suggested that if the ordinance is adopted it be sent directly to the Community News.

Mr. Leeman asked how it was going to be enforced. Mr. Smiertka stated it would be complaint driven, than the company and carrier would be ticketed, adding that if a complaint is for just one home a street they will not ticket the company, but if it is the whole street or an area, the company will also get the ticket.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 21, 2018 FOR THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 676, SECTION 676.02. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 21, 2018 FOR THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 676. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

UPDATE – Ordinance- Trash & Recycling Bins
Ms. Hagen informed the Committee that she drafted an ordinance that would amend the current ordinance to authorize Code Compliance in addition to the Public Service who is already listed, to write the citation. Mr. Sanford spoke in opposition to the proposed changes citing that his office does not have the time to write citations, and that it all started in Public Service so they should be writing the citations. The Committee spoke on who would receive the citation and the issue that the residents pay for the recycling so those bins cannot be taken if they are not in compliance. Council Member Wood asked for resolution to the issue by July 1st and that since there is already an ordinance, staff needs to start enforcing and writing citations. Ms. Hagen noted that the draft ordinance she proposed was reviewed by Mr. Kilpatrick in Public Service who made recommendations.

Council Member Wood stated there will be a special committee meeting on June 6th at 3:30 p.m. where this topic will be the only discussion. Mr. McGrain and Mr. Kilpatrick will be invited to attend, and Mr. Smiertka stated he would place the invite.

Ms. Miles asked if citizens can be deputized to enforce, at which Mr. Smiertka stated that there has been a legal opinion in the past this task is a collective bargaining job and they are authorized City officials. Council Member Garza asked if the City creates a parking enforcement officer for the “no parking 2 am – 5 am” if the enforcement officer could also write citations on the bins.

Ms. Womboldt asked for more City employees for enforcement.

Mr. Leeman asked if the City knew if there were 80% complying or 20%, and if it is owner or tenant and if the recycling company was educating the public. Council Member Wood stated her belief was 50% were complying and they have had discussions.

RESOLUTION – Make Safe or Demolish; 902 E. Kalamazoo Street
Mr. Sanford updated the Committee on actions from today prior to the meeting. That included a discussion with the owners who are making progress with two (2) permit and two (2) in process along with work on the roof. With a fire damaged house Code would recommend 30 days to make safe or demolish but agreed to extend to 60 days with the owners, with a review on a final decision. Council Member Wood stated clearly to the owners that Council will adopt a resolution on May 14th for 60 days, and if the work is done within those 60 days the order to demolish will be lifted. If it is not done, she continued, but they have proven they have done enough to continue, Code will present to Council another resolution to extend it to complete. The owners confirmed they understood and will abide with that plan. If Code gives another extension, then they come back to the Committee on Public Safety for the extension, and Mr. Sanford agreed to that.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH 902 E KALAMAZOO STREET IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Make Safe or Demolish; 816 Hickory Street
Mr. Sanford updated the Committee that as of the date of this meeting, there were no actions, no contact and no permits, therefore Code is recommending 30 days for make safe or demolish because it is a fire damaged property.
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH 816 HICKORY STREET IN 30 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Plaza at the Intersection of Pleasant Grove/Holmes
No law enforcement or staff present.

Ms. Womboldt spoke on her understanding of the violations at the intersection.

Mr. Wilkes spoke in support of action being taken at the location, and noted he was not happy with any action the LPD has done already at the location.

Council Member Wood pointed out to Law that there has been enforcement actions at other major intersections on major corridors in the past and that included no plea bargain when it appear in the courts. She also suggested installation of pole cameras, and researching the property owner’s taxes for delinquency, which would be a violation of their liquor license. Mr. Smiertka stated he would meet with Chief Yankowski to verify the violations before staring the process. Council Member Wood asked to be informed when the cases were in the courts so she could attend.

Council Member Hussain spoke in support of some of the business owners in the area that are making a change, however he noted a list of violations at the Plaza including but not limited to on site sale and consumption of alcohol inside and outside of the property, cups being sold inside Von’s Market so they can be filled with alcohol and consumed on the street, drug dealing, loitering, disabled vehicles left on site or being repaired on site, public disturbances, fighting, physical assaults, sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors, and WIC and welfare fraud. Lastly he added, the City Attorney should speak to the Police Chief who has mentioned in the past there are active investigations on the site.

Mr. Lasorda spoke on the issues he had in his neighborhood with vicious dogs. He then asked the Committee to evaluate the enforcement so something can be done, because he was concerned with every persons and animal’s safety. Council Member Wood informed Mr. Lasorda Council had discussions in the past on vicious dogs, but at the time there was no ability for enforcement to deal with them. She added that Animal Control has told her they will prosecute owners of vicious dogs but a series of events have to happen first. The current City ordinance cites the owner on a complaint basis, but does not do anything with the animal.

Council Member Garza stepped away from the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Mr. LaSorta stated he would also reach out to Sarah Anthony for assistance. Council Member Wood noted to the public that it is a struggle to enforce without speaking to a specific breed.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.
Submitted by
Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lansing City Council
Approved:
ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND

CHAPTER 664, SECTION 664.04, OF THE LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD

GAMBLING, GAMBLING OPERATIONS AND GAMING AS DISORDERLY PREMISES;

TO DECLARE ANY SUCH ACTIVITY OR PREMISES AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE; TO

PROVIDE FOR THE FORFEITURE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN THE CONDUCT

OF SUCH PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 664, Section 664.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of

Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) DEFINITIONS.

AS USED IN THIS SECTION.

GAMBLING MEANS TO PLAY, DEAL, OPERATE, CARRY ON, CONDUCT, MAINTAIN

OR EXPOSE FOR PAY, MONEY, CREDIT, PROPERTY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, ANY

GAMBLING GAME.

GAMBLING GAME MEANS ANY GAME PLAYED WITH CARDS, DICE, EQUIPMENT OR

A MACHINE, INCLUDING ANY MECHANICAL, ELECTROMECHANICAL OR

ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE COMPUTERS AND CASHLESS

WAGERING SYSTEMS FOR MONEY, CREDIT, OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF

VALUE. GAMBLING GAME SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY GAME, LOTTERY, OR

ACTIVITY AUTHORIZED OR LICENSED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW OR

REGULATION.

GAMBLING OPERATION MEANS THE CONDUCT OF GAMBLING GAMES
GAMING MEANS TO DEAL, OPERATE, CARRY ON, CONDUCT, MAINTAIN OR EXPOSE OR OFFER FOR PLAY ANY GAMBLING GAME OR GAMBLING OPERATION.

(B) No person shall:

(a) (1) Permit or allow any premises owned, occupied or controlled by him or her to be used or occupied by persons engaged in any act of illegal gambling GAMBLING, A GAMBLING OPERATION, OR GAMING, or in any illegal sale of intoxicating liquor;

(b) (2) Permit or allow any fight or disturbance on any premises owned, occupied or controlled by him or her;

(c) (3) Transport any person to a place where he or she knows ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION or other illegal activities are practiced, encouraged or allowed for the purpose of enabling the person transported to engage in ANY ACTIVITY PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION or any other illegal activity;

(d) (4) Knowingly attend, frequent, operate or be an occupant of a place of illegal gambling GAMBLING OR GAMBLING OPERATION or THE illegal sale of intoxicating liquor, or a place where any other illegal business or occupation is permitted or conducted;

(e) (5) Except as allowed by law, keep, maintain or permit the use of a Gaming room, Gaming table, Gambling equipment or any policy or pool tickets, to be used for Gaming, Gambling, OR GAMBLING OPERATION on any premises occupied or controlled by him or her, or place, receive or transmit any bet on the outcome of any race, contest or game of any kind whatsoever; or

(f) (6) Attend any cock fight or dog fight.
(7) ANY ACTIVITY PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION 664.04, OR THE PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE PROHIBITED ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING, IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS AUTHORIZED TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO ENJOIN AND ABATE THE PUBLIC NUISANCE. FURTHER, UPON CONVICTION OF A PERSON FOR ANY PROHIBITED ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION, TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS TO SEIZE THROUGH FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MONEY, UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH, OR THE CONDUCT OF, THE PROHIBITED ACTIVITY OR RELATED THERETO. THE CITY ATTORNEY MAY ENTER INTO ANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR CONSENT JUDGMENT WHICH RESOLVES THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

Section 2. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Dated: ________________________________
ORDINANCE NO. ___________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO REPEAL

CHAPTER 676, SECTION 676.02, TO ELIMINATE THE ARCHAIC LIST OF
SUBSTANCES AND MATERIALS THAT SHALL NOT BE CAST OR DEPOSITED ON
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PROVIDE A PLACE FOR A REPLACEMENT
ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 676, Section 676.02, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of
Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be null and void and of no
effect.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules
inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and
void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be
invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof
other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance repeal shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless
given immediate effect by City Council.

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Dated: ________________________________
ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND THE

LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 676, SECTION 676.02,
TO ADD A NEW SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROHIBITING THE DEPOSITING,
DISTRIBUTING, LITTERING, OR CREATING VISUAL BLIGHT OF PRIVATE
RESIDENCES OR LOTS WITH UNREQUESTED WRITTEN PAPER MATERIAL, UNLESS
SECURED OR HAND-DELIVERED.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 676, Section 676.02, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of
Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 676

676.02. (A) PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROHIBIT
LITTER AND VISUAL BLIGHT AND TO FURTHER INDIVIDUALS’ INTERESTS IN
HAVING THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY LEFT ALONE BY THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE
PERMISSION TO USE IT. IT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION TO REGULATE
SPEECH OR THE CONTENT OR VIEWPOINT OF A SPEAKER OR THE LITERATURE A
SPEAKER MAY INTEND TO DISTRIBUTE.

(B) NO PERSON SHALL THROW, DEPOSIT, DISTRIBUTE, LITTER, OR SCATTER
UPON THE PRIVATE RESIDENCE OR LOT OF ANOTHER PERSON ANY
UNREQUESTED WRITTEN PAPER MATERIAL, INCLUDING FLYERS, PAMPHLETS,
NEWSPAPERS, OR CIRCULARS, UNLESS THE MATERIAL IS HANDED IN AT THE
DOOR, OR SECURELY FASTENED ON THE PROPERTY OR ON A PORCH BY A
HANGER OR IN ANOTHER MANNER, OR PLACED IN A BOX OR OTHER RECEPTACLE, IN A WAY THAT THE MATERIAL CAN NOT SCATTER OR BE LEFT OPEN TO THE ELEMENTS.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Dated: ________________________________
May 18, 2018

President Wood and Council Members
124 W. Michigan Ave., 10th Floor
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear President Wood and Council Members:

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 5-105.8 of the Lansing City Charter, the attached Rules of Administrative Procedure for the Board of Police Commissioners have been approved as to form by the City Attorney and placed on file in my office.

The Charter stipulates that these rules will be effective at the conclusion of the Council meeting at which they are received unless the Council directs otherwise. The Charter further allows the Council to object to the rules in whole or in part and to return them to the board proposing their adoption with a statement of its objections and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Chris Swope, CMMC/MMC
Lansing City Clerk
200.4 — BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS — MEETINGS

Operational Procedure
Effective Date: 01/2017
Recodifies: 02/2001

PURPOSE

The purpose of this administrative procedure is to establish the manner in which Board of Police Commissioners meetings are scheduled and the order in which they are to be conducted.

SCHEDULING

- The Board will schedule their regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.
- Public notice of any special meeting will be posted at least eighteen (18) hours before the meeting.
- All meeting notices will be prepared and posted, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, by person designated by the Board as the Board Secretary/Designee.
- In the case of a special meeting, which may be called by the Board Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson, each Board member will be notified in advance of the time and place of such meeting.
- All meetings of the Board will be governed by the Open Meetings Act of 1976, PA 267, MCLA 15.261; MSA 4.1800. Public notice of meetings will be given in accordance with this Act.

ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- The Board will, at its regular meeting in June, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve for two year terms. In the event that the June meeting is not conducted, the Board will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at the next meeting conducted by the Board. In such a situation, the incumbent officers will retain the positions and discharge applicable responsibilities until the next election.
- Any member of the Board is eligible for election or re-election; however, no member may be elected to the position of Chairperson for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- The Chairperson will preside at all Board meetings. In the event the Chairperson is absent, the Vice-Chairperson will preside. If both officers are absent, the members present will elect an Acting Chairperson to preside at that meeting only.
- If the Chairperson position becomes vacant prior to the end of the term, the Vice-Chairperson will become Chairperson for the remainder of the term. The Board may elect a new Vice-Chairperson to complete such a term.

CHAIRPERSON’S RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Chairperson will appoint such standing committees or ad-hoc committees, as are necessary to perform the administrative duties of the Board. Once standing committee or ad-hoc committee appointments are made by the Chairperson, those committee appointees will remain in place to coincide with the Chairperson’s two (2) year term of office. When selecting committees efforts should be made by the Chairperson to ensure each Board Member has the opportunity to be exposed to various committee assignments during their time on the Board.
• In addition to presiding at all Board meetings the Chairperson will perform all the duties of Board
Chairperson as may be necessary or as described in this procedure.
• Unless otherwise provided by this procedure, “Robert’s Rules of Order” will govern the conduct of
Board meetings.

TERMS, QUORUM, AND ATTENDANCE

• Elected officers of the Board will serve for two (2) year terms, or until they are replaced in an election.
• A quorum at all meetings will consist of five (5) members of the Board.
• Attendance: The Lansing City Charter provides that, "The rules will define the extent to which non-
attendance at meetings may be grounds for removal from office" Lansing City Charter, Section 5-
105.7.
  o The Board secretary will record the attendance of members at every regularly scheduled or
special Board meeting, and maintain attendance records for the Board.
  o A violation of either of the following attendance requirements may constitute grounds for removal
from office:
    ▪ Absence from three consecutive regularly scheduled meeting.
    ▪ Absence from four or more regularly scheduled meetings in any calendar year.
  o In the event that a meeting is canceled in advance, by the Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson, due
to an expected lack of a quorum, those Board members who indicate their availability to the
Board Secretary will not be considered absent. In order to be considered not absent under this
subsection, the board member will notify, or cause to be notified, the Board's Secretary of their
availability for the meeting by 2:00 p.m. on the meeting date.

• In the event that the attendance policy is violated, the Board Chairperson will cause a written notice
of the violation to be submitted to the Mayor. In the event that the Chairperson is in violation, the
Vice-Chairperson will cause the same notification to be submitted.
• In addition to the above notification, the Board may, within its discretion, include a recommendation
to the Mayor regarding a proposed sanction or solution for the attendance violation. In the alternative,
the Board may also submit a recommendation that no action be taken due to any mitigating
circumstance. In either case, the content of the recommendation must be approved by a majority of the
members serving. A notification of violation will be submitted regardless of whether the Board
decides to include a recommendation.

BOARD SECRETARY

The Board will appoint a secretary or secretaries to record the proceedings of all meetings. The Board
secretary will submit a copy of this record to the City Clerk within seven (7) days of the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda for regularly scheduled board meetings, unless otherwise posted or for special
meetings, will be available and posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

• The Board recognizes the right and encourages “Public Comment” at meetings. In order to facilitate
the orderly conduct of business, each individual’s time for comment is limited to three (3) minutes,
unless this time limit is extended by majority vote of the Board Members present.
• The scope of Public Comment, at the beginning of the meeting, will be limited to those items which fall within the authority of the Board. The scope of Public Comment, at the end of the meeting, may include any topic of interest that is relevant to issues directly related to the Lansing Police Department.
750.303a Applicability of chapter; recreational card playing conducted at senior citizen housing facility.

Sec. 303a.

This chapter does not apply to recreational card playing conducted at a senior citizen housing facility not licensed by the liquor control commission by a senior citizens club or a group of residents of a senior citizen housing facility that consists of at least 15 members who are 60 years of age or older under all of the following circumstances:

(a) The card playing is conducted solely for the amusement and recreation of the members and guests of the club or group and is not conducted for fund-raising. The number of guests participating in the card playing shall not exceed the number of club or group members participating in the card playing.

(b) Only bona fide members and employees of the club or group participate in the conduct of the activity.

(c) The card playing is conducted after 9 a.m. and before midnight.

(d) The participating cardplayers bet not more than 25 cents per bet.

(e) The winnings from 1 hand of cards do not exceed $5.00.
(f) Except for winnings, revenue generated from the activity is used for reasonable expenses incurred in conducting the card playing, and no person is compensated for participating in the conduct of the card playing.


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Carol,

I just read about the gambling ordinance. I am concerned about some of the language. True "Redemption Games" would be illegal, the way I read it. That's means Spare Time Family Center would be in violation. I hope that's not the intent of the ordinance. Also, the paper says it mirrors State Law, and they allow redemption gaming.

Does this ordinance have the votes currently?

Scott Ellis

Sent from my iPad
-----I am the Executive Director of a nonprofit located in South West Lansing. Three doors down is a gambling establishment called "777". We provide services including food bank, personal needs items such as deodorant shampoo, diapers and other items, information and referral services and a computer bank for job search, resume writing, and job applications on line. The folks we serve are economically disadvantaged and trying to take care of their families. I have witnessed some of our clients going in and out of the gambling place and it breaks my heart. These establishments are intentionally placed in neighborhoods where people of limited finances, often no transportation and are struggling. It is overtly targeting folks that can least afford to lose money by the lure of maybe making a little, and we all know how that usually ends. These gambling places are never opened in more affluent neighborhoods where residents have many more options for entertainment and a break from their daily lives. The parking lot is packed, there are people all over the sidewalks and in the parking lot, loud music, and trash strewn all over, including liquor bottles. South West Lansing deserves better than this, organizations like the one I work at deserve better and this and certainly our city officials should be able to step up and make it illegal to prey on these people. It's bad enough we have liquor and lotto stores on every corner, next to marijuana dispensaries, and same day cash businesses. We in SW Lansing want to make it better but we need your help. Adam Hussein has worked diligently to rectify this situation and LPD has attempted to intervene, but we need a statute on the books that allows action to be taken on a permanent basis.

Sincerely, Vicki Nichols, Executive Director

South Lansing Ministries