ORDINANCE NO. 786

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANADIAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF CANADIAN CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 4 (BUSINESS REGULATIONS), ARTICLE 4.05 (GAME ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES), SECTION 4.05.004 (RESTRICTIONS, REGULATIONS, CONTROLS, AND LIMITATIONS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14 (ZONING), ARTICLE 14.06 (SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS), DIVISION 7 (C-A/R), SECTION 1406.192 (USES PERMITTED); RESTRICTING THE LOCATION OF GAME ROOMS TO THE C-A/R, AUTOMOTIVE COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL RECREATION DISTRICT; CLARIFYING THAT "AMUSEMENT ENTERPRISES" IN THE C-A/R DISTRICT INCLUDES GAME ROOMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Canadian, Texas, a Type A general law municipality, is authorized by state law to adopt and implement necessary and reasonable ordinances for the government, interest, welfare or good order of the municipality and that is in the best interests of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS,

The City has adopted ordinances governing game rooms and amusement redemption machines and the City Council now finds that restricting the location of game rooms to zoning districts intended for higher-intensity automotive commercial and commercial recreation uses promotes land use compatibility and protects the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS,

The City Council further finds that amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances are necessary to provide clear and consistent regulations regarding the zoning districts in which game rooms may operate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANADIAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4.05 (GAME ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT REDEMTION MACHINES)

Chapter 4 (Business Regulations), Article 4.05, Section **4.05.004(m)** is hereby amended to read as follows (additions underlined; deletions struck through):

§ 4.05.004 Restrictions, regulations, controls, and limitations.

...

(m) Game rooms shall only be permitted in the ~~general commercial district zoning district~~ **C-A/R, automotive commercial and commercial recreation district**. A person, including the manager, operator or owner of a game room, commits an offense if he or she operates or permits the operation, or establishment of a game room in any other zoning district of the city.

(Other portions of Chapter 4, Article 4.05, including licensing requirements and fees, shall remain unchanged.)

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 14.06 (SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS), DIVISION 7 (C-A/R, AUTONOTIVE COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL RECREATION DISTRICT), SECTION 14.06.192(USES PERMITTED)

Chapter 14 (Zoning), Article 14.06, Division 7 (C-A/R, Automotive Commercial and Commercial Recreation District), Section **14.06.192** is hereby amended by revising subsection **(2)(A)** to read as follows (additions underlined; deletions struck through):

§ 14.06.192 Uses permitted.

...

(2) Other uses, including:

(A) Amusement enterprises, **including game rooms as defined in Chapter 4, Article 4.05 of this Code.**

(Other portions of Chapter 14, Article 14.06 shall remain unchanged.)

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions may be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish the caption of this Ordinance as required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Canadian, Texas, on the 16th day of March, 2026.

CITY OF CANADIAN, TEXAS

TERRILL BARTLETT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY SLOAT, CITY SECRETARY