

ORDINANCE NO. 6240 of 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SECTION 12-27 RELATIVE TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, ENACTING PROVISIONS REGARDING VIDEO POKER TRUCK STOPS, PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES AND OFF TRACK WAGERING FACILITIES, TO PROHIBIT WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM PARTICULAR FACILITIES OR PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, video poker truck stops, pari-mutuel facilities, and off-track wagering facilities are located in and about our communities;

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to protect certain areas of our communities such as churches, parks, and education institutions;

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to preserve the property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods, deter the spread of urban blight, protect the citizens from increased crime, preserve the quality of life, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to protect those community areas such as churches, parks and educational institutions by establishing regulated boundaries and measurements to OTB, OTR, video poker, and other gaming establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 12-27 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 12-27. Qualified Video Poker Truck Stop Facility, Pari-Mutuel Facilities, and Offtrack Wagering Facility locations; prohibited distances; prohibited structures .

No Occupational License shall be granted to any qualified video poker truck stop facility, pari-mutuel facility, or offtrack wagering facility located, at the time the original application is made for a license to operate a video poker truck stop or offtrack wagering facility, within one mile from any property on the National Register of Historic Places, any public playground, any residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue, public library, or school. The measurement of the distance shall be a straight line from the nearest point of the proposed video poker truck stop, pari-mutuel facility, or offtrack wagering facility to the nearest point of the property on the National Register of Historic Places, the public playground, residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue, public library, or school. This ordinance does not apply to a qualified truck stop facility, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility that is operational on the date this ordinance is passed. Such location shall be eligible for a qualified truck stop facility license, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility license

without reference to the prohibitions of this Section unless after having obtained a license, a qualified truck stop facility, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility has not been licensed at that location for thirty-six consecutive months and application for licensing is not made within that thirty-six-month period.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date