



January 9, 2015 Video Gambling Alert



Carbondale council approves new liquor license

The City Council approved the creation of a new Class B3 liquor license, allowing for stand-alone video gaming establishments throughout the city. There can only be five Class B3 licenses handed out at one time, and the annual revenue for the license holders must be at least 51 percent from video gaming. The fees for the liquor license begin at \$500 and can be as high as \$2,250.

One of the major concerns of the council was having several gaming establishments close to one another. They wanted to keep the number of video gambling parlors from getting out of control.

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Grand Victoria official backtracks on video gambling at wife's restaurant

Grand Victoria Casino's general manager said he and his wife have scrapped a [plan to install video gambling machines in his wife's new restaurant](#) in South Elgin.

In July, the general manager spoke to the Elgin City Council about Grand Victoria losing future revenues to video gambling before the council approved reducing the casino's lease payments.

Mayor David Kaptain, who had been critical of the Thomasons' plan to have video gambling machines at Wok n' Hot, said he appreciates their decision to backtrack. [Read more](#)

Video gambling and Crime

A Dotty's video gambling parlor in Freeport has been robbed TWICE in three weeks. [The first incident](#) was on December 13, 2014, when police responded to a burglar alarm, and found damage to two gambling machines.

The second robbery was Jan. 4, 2015. Police, responding to a burglar alarm at the

business, found a broken window and two damaged video gaming machines from which an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

The new Governor and Legislature will be sworn in on January 14th.

If you have a new Legislator, send them a letter, card, or contact them on Facebook to introduce yourself and remind them that you are opposed to the expansion of gambling.

If your Legislators have not changed, contact them to welcome them to a new session and remind them of your opposition to the expansion of gambling.

Please pray that God will guide the decisions that the newly-elected Governor and Legislators will be called upon to make.

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