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Video Gambling Alert - December 15, 2017



Judge rules against video gambling parlors owning machines

Cook County Judge Neil H. Cohen ruled last week that splitting profits equally prevents terminal operators from offering incentives to gambling establishments.

Allowing gambling parlors to both host and service the terminals could reduce customers' confidence in the establishments, Cohen wrote in his ruling. "This total control and regular, observed access to the inner workings of the terminals could lead the public to believe that (the parlors) were rigging the terminals," he wrote. [Read more](#)

Gambling interests need to continually expand to their operations. Terminal operators and bar owners are now concentrating their efforts on more affluent in northern Illinois that originally banned video gambling.

Push for video gambling in Mount Prospect

Mayor Arlene Juracek said since the village board is comprised of different elected officials today, compared to the last time video gambling was discussed, revisiting the issue is warranted.

... "This board has said we will have a committee of the whole meeting this spring so this board can discuss the issue." Juracek added that video gambling laws are

continuously evolving, which is another reason why **discussion is needed early next year.** [Read more](#)

Orland Park

The third public hearing on video gambling will be on **Jan. 8, 2018, at 7 p.m.** in the Exhibition Room of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia Ave.

Video gambling vote delayed in Plainfield

The trustees all voted in favor of tabling the vote, meaning it would **likely be revisited by the board in January.** [Read more](#)

Waukegan increases application fees for video gambling parlors

"They're bringing no benefit to our city other than another place for our residents to dump their money into a machine rather than pay their rent or their utility bills," [Mayor] May said. "If we make it a little tougher, a little bit more expensive to go into business, that's fine. We're not penalizing anyone who has an existing business."

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How much money has been LOST in video gambling machines in your town?

Go to the [Illinois Gaming Board web site](#), click on municipality, then type in the name of your city/town. NTI (Net Terminal Income) is the amount of money gambled away (LOST). Springfield has the most gambling machines (570), and area residents LOST over \$2.4 Million in November!

For Immediate Action

Attend your local city council meetings and contact local officials to tell them of your concerns about video gambling. Other local businesses and local sales taxes are impacted when residents lose their money gambling.

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