

ORDINANCE NO. 421

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.30.010, GAMBLING TAX IMPOSED, BY REDUCING THE TAX RATE ON BINGO AND RAFFLES**

WHEREAS, UPMC 4.30.010 currently sets the tax rate for bingo and raffles at ten percent of gross revenues, less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes;

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2000, the maximum bingo and raffle tax rate allowed by State Law was reduced to five percent (RCW 9.46.110 [1999 c 221 § 2.]);

WHEREAS, The University Place Municipal Code should comply with State Law;

WHEREAS, the City's current bingo and raffle tax rate of five percent for qualifying nonprofit organizations is in compliance with State Law;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Amending Section 4.30.010, Gambling Tax Imposed.** Section 4.30.010 of the University Place Municipal Code, Gambling Tax Imposed, is amended as follows:

**4.30.010 Imposed.**

Pursuant to RCW 9.46.110, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, there is levied upon all persons, associations or organizations a tax on all gambling activities occurring within the city as permitted by state law at the following rates:

A. Bingo or raffles at a rate of ~~40~~ **five** percent of the gross revenues received therefrom, less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes ;

B. Amusement games at a rate of two percent of the sum of the gross revenues received therefrom, less the amount paid for as prizes, and which rate will generate an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 9.46 RCW;

C. Punchboards or pull-tabs at a rate of five percent of gross receipts;

D. Social card games at 20 percent of gross revenue.  
(Ord. 180 § 1, 1997).

**Section 2. Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 17, 2004.

  
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Ken Grassi, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Catrina Craig, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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