



**Town of Pittsfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall, 85 Main Street  
Pittsfield, NH 03263**

## **Coin Operated Amusement Device Ordinance**

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 41-d, authorizing the Town of Pittsfield to enact bylaws, regulating coin operated amusement devices, the following ordinance is adopted by the Annual Town Meeting.

**Section 1. Purpose.** It is the express intent and purpose of this Ordinance to strictly regulate the use of coin operated amusement devices, by the issuance of licenses, to prevent the use of such devices for gaming for money or property or for the corruption of minors.

**Section 2. Definitions.**

**A. COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE**

Any machine or device designed to operate upon the deposit or use of a coin that activates an electronic game, pinball, or other amusement game.

**B. MINOR.**

Any person under the age of 16 years, as it applies to this Ordinance only.

**Section 3. License Required.** No person or persons shall keep or hire for gain or reward, or charge of the use of a coin operated amusement device within the Town of Pittsfield without obtaining a license issued by the Board of Selectmen.

**Section 4. Gaming.** No person or persons who have been issued a license under this Ordinance, shall use or allow another to use a licensed coin operated amusement device under his control for the purpose of gaming for money or other property, of any description, tangible or intangible.

**Section 5. Application for License.** Applications for licenses that are required under this Ordinance, shall be made on the forms provided by the Board of Selectman. Such applications shall be in writing by the proposed licensee, and shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen for their review and approval or disapproval.

**Section 6. Application Review; Investigation.** The Board of Selectmen shall refer all applications received under this Ordinance, to the Chief of Police for investigation and recommendation. The Chief of Police shall report to the Board, in writing, as to the suitability of the proposed licensee to be licensed for the operation of coin operated amusement devices, with particular attention to any prior convictions of the proposed licensee for gaming.

**Section 7. Licenses; Fees.** The annual license fee for each coin operated amusement device shall be \$25.00. All fees shall be paid in cash or by certified check.

**Section 8. Hours of Operation.** No licensee shall allow the operation of a coin operated amusement device between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 8:00 A. M.

**Section 9. Operation By Minors.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance, no minor shall be allowed to operate a coin operated amusement device during any of the following times:

A. Between the hours 8:00am and 3:00pm on a school day, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

B. After 9:00pm Sundays through Thursdays, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

C. After 10:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, unless accompanied by a parent of guardian.

**Section 10. Suspension/Revocation of Licenses.** The Board of Selectmen shall suspend, for a period of 15 days, all licenses issued to a licensee upon conviction of a violation of this Ordinance. The Board of Selectman shall revoke all licenses issued to a licensee upon a second conviction of a violation of this Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen may suspend or revoke all licenses issued to a licensee upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police that a licensee has become an unsuitable person to hold a license under this Ordinance. The suspension or revocation of a license under this Ordinance shall not entitle the license holder to a refund of all or a portion of the paid licensing fees. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a criminal violation.

**Section 11. License Term.** The term of a license issued under this Ordinance shall be for one year, or portion thereof, expiring on December 31st of each year.

**Section 12. Penalty.** A person(s) found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a violation. Fines collected hereunder shall insure to such uses as the Town may direct.

**Section 13. Revokes.** Passage of this Ordinance revokes the action passed under Article 15 of the 1983 Annual Town Meeting.

**Section 14. Effective.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**PASSAGE:** This Ordinance was passed by vote of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting under Article 18 of the Warrant, and was effective on March 14th, 1998.