

ORDINANCE NO. 63-3

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO ENGAGE IN GAMING, LOTTERIES, GAMES OF CHANCE, BETTING, WAGERING AND ANY OTHER FORM OF GAMBLING IN THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE; AND DECLARING IT ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON TO ENGAGE IN, ENCOURAGE OR ASSIST IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, AND PROVIDING DEFINITIONS OF WORDS USED HEREIN; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES, AND INCLUDING FORFEITURES, FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in gaming, the operation of a lottery, games of chance involving cards, dice, roulette, policy, "numbers", tickets, or to take or solicit bets or wagers upon any athletic or sports events, or to engage in any other form of gambling, or to assist, encourage, a bet or others to engage in gambling or gaming in the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to set up or install, or allow to be set up or installed, any gaming table, or gambling device or to keep any gambling paraphernalia or material or mechanism of any kind in any place or premises within the City of Belle Meade.


SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game of chance, to bet, win or lose money, or to use or operate or have in his possession any instrument, device, or paraphernalia for gambling, gaming or the conduct of a lottery or other game of chance, including numbers or policy, in any street or other open or public work place or way, within the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of this ordinance the definition of "gain, gambling, professional gambling, gambling device, gambling record, gambling information, gambling premises" and "person" or "whoever" shall be defined as same are defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-2033 (Section 3, Chapter 234, Public Acts of 1955, Tennessee General Assembly).

SECTION 5. Any person whoever shall violate or be in violation of any of the foregoing sections of this ordinance shall, upon being found guilty, be assessed a fine of not less than TWO (\$2.00) DOLLARS, nor more than FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS for each offense, or be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. Any and all gambling devices, instruments or paraphernalia, and furnishings, fixtures or equipment designed for gambling found in possession of persons in the City of Belle Meade shall be confiscated by the arresting officer, and burned or otherwise destroyed under the direction of the Recorder's Court of the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION 7. Any and all funds, currency or specie, furniture, fixtures, equipment or stock adaptable to non-gambling uses which shall be mingled, kept, used or found with gambling devices, instruments, or paraphernalia, shall be taken in charge by the arresting or seizing officer, and shall, unless good cause to the contrary be shown by the owner, be forfeited to the City of Belle Meade by order of the Recorder's Court, for disposition by public auction, or as otherwise provided by bona fide liens against property so forfeited shall, on good cause shown by the lienor be transferred from the property to the proceeds of sale of property. Forfeit moneys and other proceeds realized by the enforcement of this Section shall be paid into the general funds of the City of Belle Meade.


MAYOR


VICE MAYOR


COMMISSIONER


RECORDER

Passed on First Reading
November 7, 1963.

Passed on Second Reading
December 20, 1963.

Passed on Third Reading
and Adopted