



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Public Safety Committee Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** January 10, 2022

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**Agenda Item:** Gaming Ordinance Update – Including Terminal fee Adjustment Required by P.A. 102-0689

**Explanation:** Governor Pritzker signed Public Act (P.A.) 102-0689 on December 17, 2021. The Act became effective immediately and greatly affects even home rule communities' governance of gaming.

The Act declares regulation of gaming to be the province of the State and, among other things, requires terminal fees, currently set in Washington at \$500 per terminal to the terminal operator (the company that provides machines to local businesses) and \$50 to the local business, to be shared equally by the terminal operator and the local establishment. The threats to local control may go beyond regulation of terminal fees, affecting every community's tailoring of regulation to their own situation.

We recognize the City's work, historically, to control the negative effects of gaming that does not fit the culture and character of local communities. In particular, the City has worked to balance support of business and development with negative effects of gaming by limiting gaming to locations that provide other significant benefits to the social fabric of the community. We will work with the City Attorney to review our ordinances for both compliance with law and with an eye toward continued protection of the community. If necessary, we will offer revisions for Committee and Council consideration.