

CITY OF HOUSTON AND HARRIS COUNTY GAME ROOM PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant:

Office Use:

For locations with 6 or more Amusement Redemption Machines, submit application, in person, to ARA – Commercial Permitting & Enforcement at the H.P.C. Building, 1002 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002.

B.L. #:

Expiration Date:

A background check will be conducted.

City locations inside Harris County.

City locations inside Ft. Bend County or Montgomery County.*

Requires payment of the applicable current year Game Room Permit fee, *and the Administrative fee for non-Harris County locations.

LEGAL OWNER(S) INFORMATION

Application Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Print full name(s) of legal owner(s): _____

hereby make application to operate a GAME ROOM doing business as:

Name of business	Street Address	ZIP
Owner's/Agent's Valid Phone Number (24-hour accessible)	Government Issued ID	Owner's E-mail Address
Owner's Home Street Address	City	State
		Zip Code

Applicant is an: (a) Individual (b) Partnership (c) Corporation or (d) Association (Circle One.) According to your answer, complete one of the following

A. INDIVIDUAL:

Business or residence address: _____
(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Business or residence telephone: _____

B. IF PARTNERSHIP:

Names of Partners	Business Address (P.O. Box Not Accepted)	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary, please use a separate sheet.)

C. CORPORATION:

Organized under Texas Law ____ Foreign Law ____ (Check One) According to your answer complete 1 or 2 below:

1) IF TEXAS CORPORATION:

Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Business Location: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Agent of Record in Houston: _____

Names of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

(If additional space is necessary, please use a separate sheet.)

2) IF FOREIGN CORPORATION (out of Texas):

Mailing Address: _____
(P. O. Box will not be accepted)

Business Location: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Place of Incorporation: _____

Agent of Record in Houston: _____

Names of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

(If additional space is necessary, please use a separate sheet.)

D. IF AN ASSOCIATION:

Location (if multi state) of Principal Headquarters: _____

(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Mailing Address (if multi state) of Principal Headquarters: _____

Principal Local Business Address: _____

Principal Local Mailing address: _____

Principal Business Telephone Number: _____

Names and principal business or residence address (P. O. Box will not be accepted) and telephone numbers of all members of the association. (If the number exceeds 10, you may alternatively list the names and principal business address of the officers and directors or trustees.)

Names of Members /Officers/Directors	Business Address	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary, please use a separate sheet.)

MANAGER/OPERATOR INFORMATION

Print full name(s) of manager/operator(s) if different than owner:

Phone number (24 hour access)

Government Issued ID

Signature(s)

Adopted by the Houston City Council 1948; Revised 1968, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015

CITY OF HOUSTON USE ONLY

The applicant is in compliance with the ordinance for the following items:

Background Check (Chap. 5, Art. VI, Div.1, Sec. 5-163)

ARA Signature: _____ Date Checked: _____

In the case of a game room to be operated under an assumed name, a true and correct copy of the registration of the assumed name filed in the office of the Harris, Ft. Bend or Montgomery County Clerk, bearing the file mark or stamp that evidences its filing in that office (Chap. 5, Art. VI, Div.1, Sec. 5-163)

Copy of a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the city building official as appropriate for the proposed location (Chap. 5, Art. VI, Div.1, Sec. 5-163)

Game Rooms with Amusement Redemption Machines - meets the building requirements of (Chap. 5, Art. VI and Harris County Regulations Sec. 1- Sec. 3)

(Inspection worksheet attached).

APPROVED BY

SIGNATURE OF ARA OFFICIAL

DATE

PRINTED NAME OF ARA OFFICIAL

COMMERCIAL PERMITTING & ENFORCEMENT SECTION

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Owner(s) and operator(s) shall consent to and complete state or federal forms that are required to obtain a **criminal history report for the owner(s) and operator(s) of a game room license**. The license for a game room license may be denied, revoked, suspended or denied for renewal if the owner(s) or operator(s) of the trade (i) have been convicted of a criminal offense(s) within the seven-year period immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application or has spent time in jail or prison during the seven-year period immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application for such a conviction; or (ii) is subject to deferred adjudication in connection with any of the above offenses. Such criminal actions include: gambling, gambling promotion, keeping a gambling place, communication gambling information, possession of gambling paraphernalia as described in Chapter 47 of the Texas Penal Code; forgery, credit card abuse or commercial bribery as described in Chapter 32 of the Texas Penal Code; a criminal offense as described in Chapter 34 of the Texas Penal Code; criminal attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing, or any other offense to the laws of another state or of the U.S. that, if committed in this state would have been punishable as one or more to the aforementioned offenses; or a criminal offense as described in Chapter 352, Subchapter B of the Texas Local Government Code; and [1] less than two years have elapsed since the date of conviction or date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense; or [2] less than five years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense.

Due to the requirement of the criminal history report, applicants for a Game Room license must apply in person.

Section. 1-11. Application for permits, licenses, etc.

(a) A license, permit or certificate issued pursuant to any code or ordinance of the city shall not be issued unless the applicant submits with the application the following declaration, pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code section 132.001:

My name is _____, My date of birth is _____,
(first, middle and last name), (mm / dd / yyyy)

and My address is _____, and _____
(street, city, state, zip code) (country)

I have personal knowledge of the statements made in the application. None of the statements are misleading or false. I acknowledge that issuance of the license; permit or certificate does not excuse or approve any violation of deed restrictions or city, state, or federal laws or regulations. To the extent that this declaration is made on behalf of a corporation or any other legal entity or persons, I certify that I have fully advised them of the contents of the application and this declaration and that I am authorized to execute this declaration.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____,
(month) (year)

Declarant



CITY OF HOUSTON AND HARRIS COUNTY GAME ROOM ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND VERIFICATION



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please read the following acknowledgments and sign the attached verification. It is a requirement for your Game Room Application to read this document and sign the attached verification. An Application will not be considered if this requirement is not met.

In making this Application, you, the Applicant are hereby acknowledging the following:

- 1) You have read, fully understand, and agree to comply with the Harris County Game Room Regulations as adopted by the Harris County Commissioners Court on December 17, 2013, and amended on May 20, 2014, March 10, 2015, and September 1, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations").
- 2) In full compliance with the ordinance provision of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 which is cited below regulating the conduct of such places, I hereby certify that I fully understand and agree that such permit may be revoked in the event this facility is not operated in accordance with city, county and state law. **I am applying for the game room permit and certify that all information submitted in this application is true and correct. Tampering with a Government Record is a Felony of the third degree Sec. 37.10 (a) (1).**
- 3) You are an "Owner" of the Game Room you are attempting to permit as that term is defined by Subsection 1.4(c) of the Regulations.
- 4) The business establishment you are attempting to permit is in fact a "Game Room" as that term is defined by Subsection 1.4(a) of the Regulations.
- 5) You have disclosed the identity of all "Owner(s),"¹ "Operator(s),"² employee(s), agent(s), and any other individual(s), proprietorship(s), corporation(s), association(s), or other legal entity(s) acting for, or acting on behalf of the Game Room along with a photocopy of their driver's license or government-issued identification and incorporation papers as applicable.
- 6) All of the information you have provided in making this Game Room Application is true and correct.
- 7) You have not withheld any pertinent information that relates to this Game Room Application under the penalty of Perjury as defined under Section 37.02 of the Texas Penal Code.
- 8) You understand making a misleading statement on this Game Room Application, providing false, fraudulent, or untruthful information on this Game Room Application, and/or withholding pertinent information on this Game Room Application will result in denial or revocation of the Game Room permit pursuant to Subsection 2.2(b) (2) and Subsection 2.2 (d) (2) of the Regulations;
- 9) You swear and affirm that all the information provided in this Game Room Application is true and correct under the penalty of Perjury as defined under Section 37.02 of the Texas Penal Code.
- 10) You swear and affirm that you have not misrepresented any information on this Game Room Application and understand that any misrepresentation on this Game Room Application is a third degree felony offense as defined under Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code.

¹ As defined by Subsection 1.4(c) of the Harris County Game Room Regulations.

² As defined by Subsection 1.4(f) of the Harris County Game Room Regulations.



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS §

§

COUNTY OF HARRIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared by me duly sworn, _____, an "Owner" and "Applicant" of _____ Game Room located at _____, and on his/her oath deposed, said that he/she swears that 1) he/she has read the above acknowledgments, fully understands the above acknowledgments, and swears that the above acknowledgments are true and correct as they pertain to this Game Room Application, 2) the information provided in the Game Room Application is true and correct, and 3) all pertinent information has been disclosed in making this Game Room Application.

An "Owner" and "Applicant" of _____ Game Room

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on the ____ day of _____, 2016, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

My Commission Expires:
