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To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re: Amendments to City Code Section 19.1 Related to Gambling

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is an ordinance amending subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 19.1 that I have edited to permit a casino or other gambling authorized by the General Assembly.

Respectfully,

Bernard A. Pishko  
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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

**ORDINANCE No.**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SUBSECTIONS (A), (B) AND (C) OF SECTION 19.1 OF THE NORFOLK CITY CODE SO AS TO DEFINE ILLEGAL GAMBLING.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 19-1 of the Norfolk City Code, 1979, are hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 19-1. Definitions.

(a) Generally. For the purposes of this chapter, certain words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section. The intent of this chapter is to limit gambling in Norfolk to that approved by the General Assembly.

(b) Gambling device. A "gambling device" includes:

(1) Any device, machine, paraphernalia, equipment or other thing, including books, records and other papers, which are actually used in an illegal operation or activity.

(2) Any machine, apparatus, implement, instrument, contrivance, board or other thing, including but not limited to, those depending upon the insertion of a coin or other object for their operation, which operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by the player or operator, so that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject something of value or determine the prize or other thing of value to which the player is entitled; provided, that the return to the user of nothing more than additional

chances or the right to use such machine is not deemed something of value within the meaning of this subparagraph; and provided further, that machines that only sell or entitle the user to items of merchandise of equivalent value that may differ from each other in composition, size, shape or color, shall not be deemed gambling devices within the meaning of this subparagraph.

When used for illegal gambling such devices are no less gambling devices if they indicate beforehand the definite result of one or more operations but not all the operations, no are they any less gambling devices if, apart from their use or adaptability as such, they also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than chance.

(c) Illegal gambling. Except as approved by the General Assembly, the making, placing or receipt of any bet or wager in the city of money or other thing of value, made in exchange for a chance to win a prize, stake or other consideration or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest or other event the outcome of which is uncertain or a matter of chance, whether such game, contest or event occurs or is to occur inside or outside the limits of this city, shall constitute illegal gambling.

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its date of adoption.