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Dear Business Owner,

The municipal code of the City of Cumberland provides for the levy and collection of certain fees pertaining to the operation of automatic amusement devices and arcades.

Article IV of the City Code defines **an automatic amusement game as, "...any machine or device activated by paying or depositing a coin or token, and which when operated is used as a game of skill, test, contest, instruction or entertainment."**

This does not include:

- Paper gaming machines;
- Automatic pool tables;
- Machines designed primarily to play music or to entertain children under 10;
- Automatic merchandise vendors;
- Coin-operated latch and services devices with no game features.

If your business currently houses an amusement device, as described above, a permit for the operation of this device must be obtained from the City of Cumberland for a fee of \$50.00 per machine. Additionally, if you house 6 or more of these devices on your premise, your business then qualifies as an "arcade" and a business license for such must be obtained for the fee of \$150.00 plus \$50.00 per qualifying device. The City's licensing period runs from May 1st to April 30th each year; therefore your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Should you have questions as to whether or not you have a game device that qualifies for permitting, please contact me at 301-759-6447 or meirich@allconet.org. The City will be happy to work with you to ensure your business is in compliance with our code.

Sincerely,

Marjorie A. Eirich
City Clerk

