SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND THE BINGO ORDINANCE

SOURCE: Administrative Services

COMMENT: The City of Porterville received a letter from Mr. Marcus Partlow, the Exalted Ruler of the Porterville Elks Lodge. Mr. Partlow requested a change in the License and Business Regulations Code, Section 15-20(d)(22), which regulates the hours of operation for Bingo games. The current ordinance limits the hours of operation to no more than six (6) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period. Mr. Parlow is requesting at least eight (8), and preferably ten (10) hours in a 24 hour period. Mr. Parlow indicates that the expanded hours of operation will generate additional revenue to the Club, which would allow for additional charitable community spending.

The request was reviewed by the Administrative Services Department, the Police Department, and the City Attorney to determine the basis for the current six (6) hour limit. It has been determined that there are no restrictions by any outside agencies that would limit the hours of operation beyond those limitations established by the City Council, as deemed appropriate to ensure the health and safety of the community.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council set the date of November 5, 2002, as the date for the public hearing to take testimony on the proposed amendment to City Code Section 15-20(d)(22), as it relates to the expansion of hours of operation for Bingo games.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Ordinance as amended
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, BUSINESS LICENSES, SECTION 15-20, REGULATIONS, SECTION 15-20(D), BINGO GAMES, OF THE CITY CODE

Section 1.

City Code Chapter 15, Section 15-20. Regulations, Section 15-20(d) Bingo Games, Section 15-20(d)(22) Hours of operation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(22) Hours of operation. No licensee shall conduct any bingo game more than six (6) ten (10) hours out of any twenty-four (24) hour period. No bingo game shall be conducted before 10:00 a.m. nor after 2:00 a.m. of any day.

Section 2.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its publication and passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ___________, 2002.

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Gordon T. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Longley, City Clerk