

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**“Amendments – Amusement Devices and Skill Games”**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 4 (AMUSEMENT DEVICES), SECTION 4-2 (DEFINITIONS) TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICE, AND TO ADD A NEW DEFINED TERM FOR A SKILL GAME, AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-5 (ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; FEE; DISPLAY), SUBSECTION 4-5.B TO INCREASE THE AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE FEE TO \$250 PER PERMITTED DEVICE ON A PREMISES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-7 (LOCATION OF DEVICES), SUBSECTION 4-7.A TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE AREA SURROUNDING AN AMUSEMENT DEVICE, AND TO FURTHER REPEAL AND DESIGNATE SECTION 4-8 (LOCATION OF LICENSED PREMISES) AS “RESERVED”, AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-9 (OPERATION OF PREMISES), SUBSECTION 4-9.C TO SET FORTH NEW REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISION OF AND USE AND PLAY OF SKILL GAMES, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 114 (ZONING), ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 114-21 (DEFINITIONS AND TERMS) TO REPEAL THE DEFINITION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICE AND TO ADD NEW DEFINED TERMS FOR CONVENIENCE STORE, INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY, SKILL GAME, AND SIGNIFICANT TOBACCO RETAILER, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE IX (B1 BUSINESS DISTRICT), SECTION 114-91 (PERMITTED USES), SUBSECTION 114-91.B TO CLARIFY THAT RETAIL USES ARE PERMITTED IN THE DISTRICT, AND AMEND ARTICLE X (B2 BUSINESS DISTRICT), SECTION 114-101 (PERMITTED USES) TO REPLACE SUBSECTION 114-101.H TO REVISE THE PERMITTED TERM FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY, AND TO REPEAL SUBSECTION 114-101.L CONCERNING AMUSEMENT DEVICES, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE XI (S SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT), SECTION 114-113 (USE REGULATIONS), SUBSECTION 114-113.A TO CLARIFY THAT RETAIL USES ARE PERMITTED IN THE DISTRICT, AND AMEND SUBSECTION 114-113.E AND SUBSECTION 114-113.L TO REPEAL THE REGULATIONS RELATED TO AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND TO PERMIT AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION, AND TO**

**FURTHER AMEND ARTICLE XIII (GENERAL REGULATIONS) TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 114-139.4 ENTITLED “SKILL GAMES” PERMITTING SKILL GAMES AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO A CLUB, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, CONVENIENCE STORE OR RESTAURANT LICENSED TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD, SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN**:

**SECTION I. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-2 (Definitions), is hereby amended to delete the term “Amusement Device” and replace it with the following new definition for “Amusement Device”:

**AMUSEMENT DEVICE**

Any automatic, mechanical, electric or electronic machine or device, used or designed to be operated as a game, or for entertainment or amusement, by the insertion of a coin, token, key, money or other article or by the payment of money to have it activated, and that, in some circumstances delivers or entitles the player to receive cash or cash equivalents, gift cards, vouchers, billets, tickets, tokens, or electronic credits to be exchanged for cash or cash equivalents, whether such payout is made automatically from the device or other service or manually. This definition shall include skill games. This definition shall not include the following devices:

- A. Jukeboxes.
- B. Rides.
- C. Bowling alleys.
- D. Merchandise machines which dispense beverages, food, toilet articles or other tangible personal property.
- E. Photographic machines.
- F. Any game or device maintained within a residence for the sole use of the occupants thereof and their guests.
- G. Gaming devices regulated by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.
- H. Small games of chance regulated by the State Department of Revenue.

**SECTION II. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-2 (Definitions), is hereby amended to add a new term “Skill Game” as follows:

**SKILL GAME**

A gaming machine, apparatus, or device where a player inserts money, tokens or a card for the chance to win more money, credits, or a similar benefit, but where the outcome is determined mainly by mental or physical skill, rather than chance. No skill game shall be permitted within the same premises as a significant tobacco retailer as defined in Chapter 114.

**SECTION III. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-5 (Issuance of license; fee; display), Subsection 4-5.B is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

B. The fee for each license shall be \$250 per amusement device upon the applicant's premises. Said license shall be issued for the calendar year commencing January 1 and expiring December 31. Said license shall be renewed annually on or before December 31 by the filing of a written renewal application, accompanied by the license fee for each renewal. The license fee for any license issued in any calendar year after July 1 shall be 1/2 of the annual license fee, but shall not be prorated in any other manner.

**SECTION IV. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-7 (Location of devices), Subsection 4-7.A is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

A. The area around Amusement Devices shall be free and clear of all obstructions in order to maintain safe access to and around each device, and no access aisle shall be blocked by an Amusement Device or any seating associated with an Amusement Device which may result in a detriment to public health and safety.

**SECTION V. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-8

(Location of licensed premises) is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be marked as “Reserved”.

**SECTION VI. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-9

(Operation of premises), Subsection 4-9.C is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

- C. The owner, occupant, tenant, or operator of any premises where amusement devices are located shall maintain adequate supervision of the premises at all times when the devices are in operation. No amusement device shall be available for use, play or operation, unless it is under the care and supervision of one or more persons over the age of 18 years who shall ensure that it is used, played and operated in compliance with this Chapter. Skill games may only be used, played or operated by persons over the age of 18 years. The person or persons charged with the care and supervision of the premises on which such skill games are located shall confirm that any person using, playing or operating a skill game is over the age of 18 years.

**SECTION VII. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article II (Definitions), Section 114-21 (Definitions and terms), is hereby amended to delete the term “Amusement Device”.

**SECTION VIII. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article II (Definitions), Section 114-21 (Definitions and terms) is hereby amended to add new defined terms for “Convenience Store”, “Skill Game”, “Indoor Recreation Facility” and “Significant Tobacco Retailer” as follows:

**CONVENIENCE STORE**

A type of retail store or establishment intended for quick sale, not specializing in a particular product, but offering an array of different items and products, including but not limited to, food and beverage primarily for off-premises consumption, dry goods, household items, personal care items, newspapers and magazines, tobacco and tobacco-related products, and similar product lines, but does not predominantly display or sell products containing tobacco, tobacco paraphernalia, Delta-8 THC (or Delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol) products, kratom, ingestible CBD/cannabidiol products, and/or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), ENDS-related products and/or any materials that can be used in electronic nicotine delivery systems. A store that predominantly

displays or sells such products shall be considered a significant tobacco retailer. The use may include automatic teller machines and legal lottery sales.

### **INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY**

Establishments providing amusement, entertainment, or recreational services occurring within a fully enclosed structure such as: arcades containing coin-operated amusements and/or electronic games; bowling alleys; billiards; skill games, not to exceed 10 machines and subject to the requirements of Chapter 4 of the Code; laser tag businesses; indoor play center (rock climbing or inflatable party place); indoor sports fields, courts, or arenas; swimming pools; and other indoor activities determined to be substantially similar to the above and which are not otherwise specified in the Zoning Ordinance. This term shall not include the Pennsylvania Lottery (as that term is defined by the State Lottery Law), bingo games or devices operated pursuant to the Bingo Law, small games of chance, or any gambling device as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or skill games as an accessory use pursuant to Section 114-139.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

### **SKILL GAME**

A gaming machine, apparatus, or device where a player inserts money, tokens or a card for the chance to win more money, credits, or a similar benefit, but where the outcome is determined mainly by mental or physical skill, rather than chance. No skill game shall be permitted within the same premises as a significant tobacco retailer as defined in this Chapter.

### **SIGNIFICANT TOBACCO RETAILER**

Any of the following establishments:

- (1) Any retailer establishment that predominantly displays or sells tobacco products, vape products, Delta-8 THC (or Delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol), kratom, ingestible CBD/cannabidiol products, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and/or ENDS-related products and/or any materials that can be used in electronic nicotine delivery systems;
- (2) Any retailer establishment that holds itself out as, or otherwise promotes or markets itself as, a tobacco store, a smoke shop, a vape shop, a cigar shop or a similar establishment selling tobacco products and/or vape products or predominantly advertises tobacco products or vape products on its storefront or website;
- (3) A hookah bar or similar establishment, regardless of whether tobacco products or vape products are sold from the premises.

## **SECTION IX. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article IX (B1 Business District), Section 114-91 (Permitted uses), Subsection 114-91.B is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

B. Retail, office, studio, club or fraternal institution, barber- or hairdressing or other personal service shop or beauty parlor, bank, financial institution, telegraph office or public utility business office.

**SECTION X. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article X (B2 Business District), Section 114-101 (Permitted uses), Subsection 114-101.H is repealed and restated as follows:

H. Indoor recreation facility, when authorized by special exception, except that any use as a permanent amusement park is hereby prohibited.

**SECTION XI. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article X (B2 Business District), Section 114-101 (Permitted uses), Subsection 114-101.L is hereby repealed.

**SECTION XII. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XI (S Shopping Center District), Section 113 (Use regulations), Subsection 114-113.A is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

A. Retail, including retail outlet or showroom for uses permitted in Subsection I hereof. Retail shall not include automobile sales agencies. No goods shall be displayed on the exterior of any building or on the lot, only incidental storage shall be permitted.

**SECTION XIII. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XI (S Shopping Center District), Section 113 (Use regulations), Subsection 114.113.E is hereby repealed and restated as follows:

E. Theater, not including outdoor motion picture establishment; assembly hall, or community building or library; child day center.

**SECTION XIV. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XI (S Shopping Center District), Section 114-113 (Use regulations), Subsection 114-113.L is hereby repealed and placed with the following new Subsection 114-113.L:

L. Indoor recreation facility, when authorized by special exception, except that any use as a permanent amusement park is hereby prohibited.

**SECTION XV. - Amendment to Code.**

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XIII (General Regulations) is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 114-139.4 entitled “Skill Games” as follows:

**§ 114-139.4 Skill Games.**

- A. Skill games shall be permitted as an accessory use to only the following uses: club, fraternal organization; convenience store; or restaurant which is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Such accessory use shall be limited to no more than three (3) skill games at a licensed premises.
- B. Skill games shall be licensed and operated in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Springfield Township Code.

**SECTION XVI. - Severability.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

**SECTION XVII. - Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver.**

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

**SECTION XVIII. - Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

**SECTION XIX. - Repealer.**

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

By:

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**Susanna Ratsavong**, President  
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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**A. Michael Taylor**, Secretary

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, at its public meeting on May 13, 2026 at 7:30 PM, in the Springfield Township Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania 19038 will hold a public hearing on and could vote to adopt an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Amendments - Amusement Device and Skill Games” amending the Code of the Township of Springfield Township, Chapter 4 (Amusement Devices), Section 4-2 (Definitions) to amend the definition of Amusement Device, and to add a new defined term for a Skill Game, and to amend Section 4-5 (Issuance of license; fee; display), Subsection 4-5.B to increase the Amusement Device license fee to \$250 per permitted device on a premises, and to amend Section 4-7 (Location of devices), Subsection 4-7.A setting forth requirements related to the area surrounding an amusement device, and to further repeal and designate Section 4-8 (Location of licensed premises) as “Reserved”, and to amend Section 4-9 (Operation of premises), Subsection 4-9.C to set forth new requirements relating to age requirements for supervision of and use and play of skill games, and amending Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article II (Definitions), Section 114-21 (Definitions and terms) to repeal the definition of Amusement Device and to add new defined terms for Convenience Store, Indoor Recreation Facility, Skill Game, and Significant Tobacco Retailer, and to amend Article IX (B1 Business District), Section 114-91 (Permitted uses), Subsection 114-91.B to clarify that retail uses are permitted in the District, and amend Article X (B2 Business District), Section 114-101 (Permitted Uses) to replace Subsection 114-101.H to revise the permitted term for an indoor recreation facility, and to repeal Subsection 114-101.L concerning Amusement Devices, and to amend Article XI (S Shopping Center District), Section 114-113 (Use regulations), Subsection 114-113.A to clarify that retail uses are permitted in the District, and amend Subsection 114-113.E and Subsection 114-113.L to repeal the regulations related to Amusement Devices and to permit an indoor recreation facility by special exception, and to further amend Article XIII (General regulations) to add a new Subsection 114-139.4 entitled “Skill Games” permitting Skill Games as an accessory use to a Club,

Fraternal Organization, Convenience Store or restaurant licensed to serve alcoholic beverages by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, subject to additional regulations.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for examination during normal business hours at the offices of The Chestnut Hill Local, 8434 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA; the Montgomery County Law Library, Court House, Norristown, PA; the office of the Township Manager, Springfield Township Building; and the Free Library of Springfield Township. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained in the office of the Township Manager for a charge not greater than the cost thereof. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is also available on the Township's website.

**ANDREW R. FREIMUTH, ESQUIRE**  
**WISLER PEARLSTINE, LLP**  
Solicitor for Springfield Township