

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ali & City Councilmembers
FROM: Legal Department
DATE: May 5, 2022
RE: Video Gaming Fee Comparison

The City of Peoria regulates and licenses video gaming establishments and video gaming terminal operators. The City charges two separate fees. First, there is a \$500.00 per terminal licensing fee which is split evenly between establishments and operators. Secondly, there is a specific operator’s license fee in an amount of \$1,000.00 per terminal. Establishments must pay a total of \$250.00 per terminal and operators must pay a total of \$1,250.00 per terminal.

In December 2021, the Illinois legislature passed a new law requiring establishments and operators to share all video gaming fees equally. 230 ILCS 40/65 states, in relevant part, “The cost of any fee imposed under this [Video Gaming] Act by any home rule unit of government or non-home rule unit of government shall be *shared equally* between the terminal operator and the applicable licensed establishment...” (emphasis added). The City is not compliant with the new law as it currently charges operators an additional \$1,000.00 per terminal.

The following is a comparison of other Illinois municipalities’ video gaming license fees:

City/Village	Fee	Notes
Decatur	\$500.00 per terminal	Fees are split equally between establishments and operators (amended March 2022).
Bloomington	\$500.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to establishments only.
Galesburg	\$250.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to establishments only.
Moline	Establishments: \$50.00 per terminal Operators: \$1,800.00 per terminal	
Rock Island	Establishments: \$50.00 per terminal Operators: \$1,000.00 per terminal	
Carbondale	\$0-\$25k terminal income: \$100.00 per terminal \$25k-\$50k terminal income: \$250.00 per terminal \$50k-\$100k terminal income: \$350.00 per terminal Over \$100k terminal income: \$750.00 per terminal Fraternal/tax-exempt: \$25.00 per terminal	Sliding scale based on terminal income. Both establishments and operators pay the listed per terminal fees (e.g. \$100 + \$100) Initial licensees pay \$100.00 per terminal.
Joliet	\$100.00 per terminal <i>per month</i> (\$1,200.00 per terminal annually)	Fees only charged to “distributors” (defined as “any person or entity who

		sells, leases out, establishes, supplies, or otherwise provides video gaming terminals as defined in this section”).
Springfield	\$250.00 per terminal Terminal operators/suppliers: \$1,000.00 license annually Establishments: \$500.00 license annually	Per terminal fee split evenly between operators and establishments (\$125.00 each).
Sycamore	\$250.00 per terminal	Fees apply to establishments only.
Danville	\$600.00 annual license fee	Fees appear to apply to establishments only.
Pekin	\$1,000.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to operators only.
Bloomington	\$500.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to establishments only.
Lockport	“Distributors”: \$2,500.00 license annually Establishments: \$100.00 per terminal	
Rolling Meadows	Operators: \$2,000.00 license annually \$1,000.00 per terminal	Unclear how the per terminal fee is assigned/divided.
Buffalo Grove	\$1,000.00	Called a “video gaming terminal fee” but also seemingly referred to as a flat “annual fee.” Unclear if assessed as a per terminal fee or single annual license fee.
Edwardsville	Operator’s license: \$500.00 annually \$250.00 per terminal	
O’Fallon	Retail establishment: \$1,000.00 per terminal Fraternal establishment: \$250.00 per terminal Veterans establishment: \$250.00 per terminal Truck stop: \$1,000.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to establishments only.
Channahon	\$100.00 per terminal	Fees appear to apply to operators only.
Wheeling	\$1,000.00 per terminal	Fees apply to establishments only. Village board may waive up to 50% of the fee for veterans/fraternal organizations.

Attachments:

Carbondale Video Gaming Fee Ordinance