

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**12/3/2024**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Video gaming regulations	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

An Ordinance repealing the Ordinance Establishing Video Gaming Regulations has been prepared.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The strategic goals for 2023-2025 include *Exceptional Municipal Services. Consider Allowing Video Gaming for Restaurants with an On-premise Consumption Liquor License* is a Priority Action Item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Action at the discretion of the Village Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Adoption of this Ordinance repealing the Ordinance Establishing Video Gaming Regulations would result in the continued prohibition of video gaming with the exception of the fraternal/club establishments.

On October 24, 2023, the Village Council adopted [An Ordinance Establishing Video Gaming Regulations](#) with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The ordinance allows businesses that hold a Class R (restaurant), Class REC (recreational facility), or Class C (club or private facility) liquor license to operate video gaming terminals, as provided in the ordinance. Section 21 of the Ordinance approved in October, 2023 reads:

*Section 21. That at an upcoming Village Council meeting, the Village Council shall consider a resolution placing an advisory referendum question regarding the desirability of video gaming as described by this Ordinance on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2024. The Village Council shall consider the results of the advisory referendum with respect to any future action concerning this ordinance.*

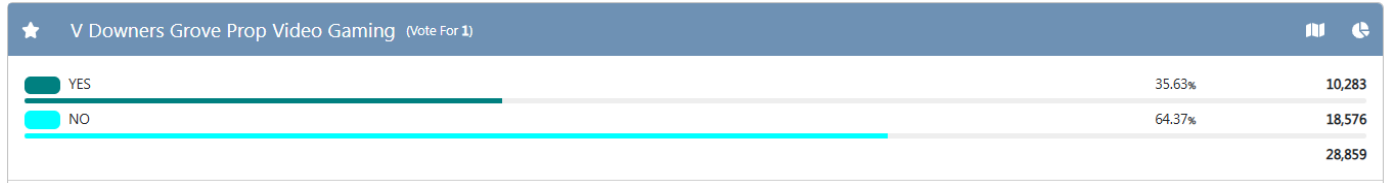
Additional information about the ordinance can be found [here](#).

On November 21, 2023, the Village Council adopted a [Resolution to Initiate the Submission of a Public Question to Solicit Resident Input Regarding Video Gaming in the Village of Downers Grove](#).

The referendum question was:

Shall the Village of Downers Grove permit video gaming only for establishments holding (i) restaurant liquor licenses and located outside of the Downtown and (ii) club and recreational facility liquor licenses, with restrictions placed on the number of licenses, the number of terminals, terminal configuration, terminal visibility, establishment proximity to churches and schools, and with no allowance whatsoever for video gaming cafes, in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois?	YES <hr/>	NO <hr/>
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The results of the referendum, as reported on the DuPage County website, are as follows:



**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney DATE: December 3, 2024  
(Name)

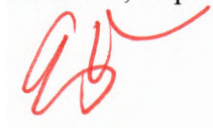
RECOMMENDATION FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE REF: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Board or Department)

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt " AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6003 ESTABLISHING VIDEO GAMING REGULATIONS", as presented.



**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of the attached ordinance shall repeal Ordinance No. 6003 which established video gaming regulations.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_****AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6003  
ESTABLISHING VIDEO GAMING REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove is a home-rule unit pursuant to the laws and constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, the Village of Downers Grove passed Ordinance No. 6003 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VIDEO GAMING REGULATIONS”, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6003 authorized video gaming in the Village subject to certain regulations as set forth in further detail in Ordinance No. 6003; and

WHEREAS, the video gaming regulations set forth in Ordinance No. 6003 have an effective date of January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6003 further provides that the Village Council shall pass a resolution placing an advisory referendum questions concerning the desirability of video gaming on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, the Village of Downers Grove passed Resolution No. 2023-67, which authorized the placement of an advisory referendum concerning whether video gaming shall be permitted in the Village of Downers Grove on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the unofficial results of the November 5, 2024 General Election with respect to the advisory referendum question concerning video gaming in the Village of Downers Grove provide that 10,283 of the electors of the Village of Downers Grove are in favor of video gaming being permitted in the Village and 18,576 electors of the Village of Downers Grove are not in favor of video gaming being permitted in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Downers Grove have duly considered the results of the election with respect to the advisory referendum concerning video gaming and desire to waive a first reading of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the preamble to this Ordinance is hereby incorporated by reference as Section 1.

**Section 2.** That Ordinance No. 6003 entitled “An Ordinance Establishing Video Gaming Regulations”, dated October 24, 2023, set to become effective on January 1, 2025 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 3.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk