

ORDINANCE 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-501 INTENT, REGARDING INTERNET CAFES; STATING INTENT OF ARTICLE IV AND PROHIBITING ILLEGAL GAMBLING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article IV or Chapter 14 of the City Code, (The City of Bellevue's Internet Cafe Ordinance) provides certain rules, regulations, and restrictions regarding the location and operation of internet cafes; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-501 sets forth rules, regulations and restrictions regarding internet cafes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it in the best interest of the public welfare to amend Section 14-501 to ensure that nothing contained within this section setting forth rules, regulations and restrictions regarding internet cafes shall be construed to allow illegal gambling in the City of Bellevue, set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-501 is amended to read as follows:

“Chapter 14.

Article IV.

Sec. 14-501. - Intent.

The intent of the city commission in adopting this article IV is to establish reasonable and uniform regulations that will protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Bellevue, Florida. The provisions of this article, acting alone or together with other applicable ordinances of the city are intended to promote the health, safety and public welfare of the city and its citizens, without unduly restricting the use of private property for lawful purposes.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to authorize or permit gambling activity which is contrary to Florida law; nor is it the City Commission's intent to authorize or promote the use of machines, terminals, computers or devices (whether electronic or mechanical) which is contrary to applicable Florida law.”

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict repealed.

Section 3. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Bellevue, Florida; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate designation.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly read and approved upon **First Reading** by a _____ vote of the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida, at a Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2023. Said ordinance was duly read, passed, and adopted upon **Final Reading** by a _____ vote of the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida at a Public Hearing held on August 1st, 2023.

CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI
Mayor

Attest:

MARIAH MOODY
City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency
For the use and Benefit of the City of Bellevue Only:

FREDERICK E. LANDT, III
City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ADVERTISING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Ordinance was advertised for a Public Hearing on the 20th day of July, 2023 in the Voice of South Marion newspaper in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Mariah Moody
City Clerk