



**TOWN OF LANCASTER,  
SELECT BOARD**  
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**Annual License Fee  
\$100.00 per device**

**Select Board's Office**  
Date Received

## **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES – WEEKDAY**

**New Application \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_**

Name of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Owner, Manager): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street and number of premises where devices are kept or offered for operation (*or give some particular description of such premises*) \_\_\_\_\_

Number and type of machines applied for: \_\_\_\_\_ (*List each machine on attached form*).

Is the location of automatic amusement devices suitable to the neighborhood and compatible with existing uses? \_\_\_\_\_

Will locating the devices create a nuisance or inconvenience to abutters or pedestrians? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the facility adequate and appropriate for the proper operation of the machines? \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant certifies that all state tax returns have been filed and all state and local taxes have been paid as required by law and further agrees to comply with the terms of the License and applicable law, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereto. The Applicant further certifies that the information contained in this application is true and accurate and also authorizes the Licensing Authority or its agents to conduct whatever investigation is necessary to verify the information contained in this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**License Fee must be submitted with this form. Make check payable to *Town of Lancaster*.  
Mail Application Form, Workers' Compensation Affidavit and check to: *Select Board, 701 Main Street, Suite 1, Lancaster, MA 01523*.**

A License issued under this Application applies to weekday operation ONLY. If machines are to be operated on Sundays, you also must file with the Select Board an APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR DANCING, SPORTS, GAMES, FAIRS, EXPOSITIONS, PLAYS OR ENTERTAINMENT OF PUBLIC DIVERSION ON SUNDAY, as well as an Application for a State License to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

**STATEMENT OF OPERATION:** If your machine(s) is not operated on Sundays, please execute the following statement: I certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that the coin-operated amusement device(s) proposed to be operated in my establishment by the issuance of a license pursuant to this application shall not be in operation on Sundays.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**NOTICE:** The filing of this application confers no rights on the part of the Applicant to undertake any activities until the license has been granted. The issuance of a license under this section or sections is subject to the Applicant's compliance with all other applicable Federal, State or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, rules or regulations. The Licensing Authority reserves the right to request any additional information it reasonably deems appropriate for the purpose of determining the terms and conditions of the License and its decision to issue a License. The provisions of G.L. c.152 may require the filing of a Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit with this application. Failure to file the Affidavit, along with any other required information and/or documentation, shall be sufficient cause for the denial of the License application.

**SUMMARY OF LAWS GOVERNING AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSING**  
**Not Warranted as Complete**

**§ 177A. Amusement devices; license; definition; fee; view and inspection; gambling; nonapplicability of lottery statute**

(1) The licensing authorities of any city or town may grant, and after written notice to the licensee, suspend or revoke a license to keep and operate an automatic amusement device for hire, gain or reward, approved by the director of standards and necessities of life under section two hundred and eighty-three of chapter ninety-four.

(2) The term "automatic amusement device" as used in this section shall be construed as meaning any mechanism whereby, upon the deposit therein of a coin or token, any apparatus is released or set in motion or put in a position where it may be set in motion for the purpose of playing any game involving, in whole or in part, the skill of the player, including, but not exclusively, such devices as are commonly known as pinball machines including free play pinball machines.

(3) Licenses granted under this section, unless sooner revoked, shall expire on December thirty-first of each year. Every such license shall specify the street and number of the premises where the automatic amusement device is to be kept or offered for operation or give some particular description of such premises, shall state the type of the automatic amusement device to which it relates, and shall cover any automatic amusement device of the same type which as a substitute or replacement for the automatic amusement device licensed, may, during the term of the license, be kept or offered for operation on the premises specified; but such license shall under no circumstances cover an automatic amusement device of a type other than the type stated in such license; and such license shall not cover the automatic amusement device if in any place other than the premises from time to time specified in such license. No such license shall specify more than one premises at one time. Upon written application, the licensing authority may from time to time amend any license granted under this section by changing the premises specified.

(4) The annual fee for a license under this section for any automatic amusement device licensed hereunder, or any renewal thereof, shall be twenty dollars, unless otherwise established in a town by town meeting action and in a city by city council action, and in a town with no town meeting by town council action, by adoption of appropriate by-laws and ordinances to set such fees, but in no event shall any such fee be greater than one hundred dollars. The fee for every change of premises shall be two dollars.

(5) Automatic amusement devices licensed under this section shall be so installed on the premises described in the license as to be in open view at all times while in operation, and shall at all times be available for inspection.

(6) No person keeping or offering for operation or allowing to be kept or offered for operation any automatic amusement device licensed under this section shall permit the same to be used for the purpose of gambling.

(7) The provisions of section seven of chapter two hundred and seventy-one of the General Laws shall not apply to machines licensed under the provisions of this section.

(8) Any violation of any provision of this section or of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the General Laws by any person managing or controlling any premises where an automatic amusement device licensed under this section is kept or offered for operation shall be cause for the revocation of all licenses for automatic amusement devices kept or offered for operation on such premises.

**MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ANNOTATED  
PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
TITLE XV. REGULATION OF TRADE  
CHAPTER 94. INSPECTION AND SALE OF FOOD, DRUGS AND VARIOUS ARTICLES  
SLOT MACHINES, ETC.**

**Current through Ch. 71 of the 2003 1st Annual Sess.**

**§ 283. Slot machines and other automatic devices; use regulated**

No person shall maintain any slot machines or other automatic device, except gas meters, electric meters and telephones, which, upon the deposit therein of any coin or other article of value, furnishes music, or other entertainment, exhibits pictures, provides facilities for weighing, supplies any merchandise or other thing, or renders any service, or is represented to do or perform any of the above mentioned things, unless such machine or device is of a type approved by the director of standards; but no person maintaining such machine or device with respect to which, or to the operation, service or supply of which, there is any element of chance shall be protected or be entitled to immunity from prosecution because of such approval.

**MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ANNOTATED  
PART IV. CRIMES, PUNISHMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES  
TITLE I. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS  
CHAPTER 271. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY**

**Current through Ch. 71 of the 2003 1st Annual Sess.**

**§ 7. Lotteries; disposal of property by chance**

Whoever sets up or promotes a lottery for money or other property of value, or by way of lottery disposes of any property of value, or under the pretext of a sale, gift or delivery of other property or of any right, privilege or thing whatever disposes of or offers or attempts to dispose of any property, with intent to make the disposal thereof dependent upon or connected with chance by lot, dice, numbers, game, hazard or other gambling device, whereby such chance or device is made an additional inducement to the disposal or sale of said property, and whoever aids either by printing or writing, or is in any way concerned, in the setting up, managing or drawing of such lottery, or in such disposal or offer or attempt to dispose of property by such chance or device, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than three years, or in jail or the house of correction for not more than two and one half years.