

ORDER NO. 08-10-2020-_____
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

**DESIGNATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY TO SERVE AS LEAD
GAME ROOM ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, to promote the public health, safety and welfare, Local Government Code § 234.133 authorizes a County Commissioners Court to regulate the operation of game rooms; and

WHEREAS, illicit game rooms, as a category of commercial uses, are associated with a wide variety of adverse secondary effects, including but not limited to personal and property crimes, gambling offenses, weapon offenses, illicit drug use and drug trafficking, money laundering and tax evasion which leads to decreased public safety and negative impacts to surrounding properties, schools, places of worship and residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the negative secondary effects of game rooms constitute a harm to which the Webb County Commissioners Court has a substantial government interest in preventing and abating; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has amended Chapter 234, Subchapter E of the Texas Local Government Code, authorizing counties to regulate game rooms to promote public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Webb County, Texas desires to enact regulations and local policies to protect its citizenry and to reduce the adverse secondary effects of game rooms by regulating the operation, location, and number of game rooms located in Webb County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Webb County Commissioners Court hereby:

1. Appoints the _____ to serve as lead “Game Room Enforcement Official” as established by the provisions of the Webb County Order Regulating Coin-operated Machines and Game Rooms;
2. As part of the Webb County Game Room Regulations a law enforcement entity shall be selected as part of the regulatory process as such the Webb County Commissioners Court shall at its own discretion appoint the lead “Game Room Enforcement Official” and under this order to serve as the lead “Game Room Enforcement Official” for Webb County, Texas;
3. After a duly published hearing and upon a majority vote the Webb County Commissioners Court designates the _____ as the lead “Game Room Enforcement Official” for Webb County, Texas;

On motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, duly put and carried, **THIS DESIGNATION ORDER IS HEREBY ADOPTED** by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, Texas, duly convened and acting in its capacity as governing body of Webb County on this _____ day of _____, **2020**.

HONORABLE TANO E. TIJERINA
Webb County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

HONORABLE MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
Webb County Clerk