

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH  
Snohomish, Washington**

**ORDINANCE 2267**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING SNOHOMISH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.52.043  
ENTITLED “SOCIAL CARD GAMES – PROHIBITED”; REPEALING  
ORDINANCE 2265 WITH SUNSET CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, state law (Chapter 9.46 RCW) provides regulations relating to gambling which include but are not limited to regulation of social card games; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 9.46.295 empowers local governments to allow certain gambling activities while also prohibiting other types of gambling activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2014 the City Council adopted Ordinance 2265 providing for an exception for nonprofits in the prohibition of social card games with a sunset clause effective April 30, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. SMC Section 5.52.043 entitled “Social card games – prohibited” is amended to be entitled “Social card games – prohibited – exception” and shall read as follows:

**5.52.043 Social card games – prohibited – exception.** Social card games as defined by RCW 9.46.0282 and SMC 5.52.020(L) are prohibited within the City of Snohomish – Exception: Provided, however, this section shall not apply to social card games conducted or operated by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization pursuant to RCW 9.46.0311 and RCW 9.46.0351 in their own leased or owned premises.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2265 is repealed for the reason that it is replaced by this ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such a decision or preemption shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective five days after adoption and publication by summary.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

By \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
TORCHIE COREY, CITY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
GRANT K. WEED, CITY ATTORNEY