

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Article 9 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1988 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Public Local Laws of Charles County, Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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~~CHAPTER 4
AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT~~

~~ARTICLE 1
AMUSEMENT DEVICES~~

~~4-1. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; EXEMPTION.~~

~~A. EXEMPTION FROM STATE LAWS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 27, §§ 237 TO 264, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, 1957 EDITION, TITLE "CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS," SUBTITLE "GAMING," SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS PROHIBITING, PENALIZING OR MAKING UNLAWFUL THE KEEPING, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION OR DISTRIBUTION FOR OPERATION IN CHARLES COUNTY BY ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION OF ANY MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES WHICH REQUIRE THE INSERTION OF A COIN OR TOKEN FOR THEIR OPERATION AND WHICH OFFER AN AWARD TO THE OPERATOR BASED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UPON CHANCE OR HIS SKILL, PROVIDED THAT SAID MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES OR MACHINES ARE LICENSED BY THE PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION WHO OWNS OR OPERATES THE PREMISES UPON WHICH SAID AMUSEMENT DEVICES ARE MAINTAINED FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY BONA FIDE CHARITABLE OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION AND ANY BONA FIDE FIRE COMPANY MAY OWN AND OPERATE NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5) SUCH DEVICES FOR WHICH NO LICENSE FEE SHALL BE REQUIRED WHERE ALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEVICES ARE DEVOTED TO THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF SUCH ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY, AND SUCH DEVICES ARE MAINTAINED SOLELY IN THE CLUB ROOM OR REGULAR MEETING PLACE OF SUCH ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY, AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS OR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ORGANIZATION MAY OPERATE ON NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) DATES IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR UP TO TEN (10) SUCH DEVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE AT ANY CARNIVAL OR SOCIAL WHERE THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH~~