

**TOWN OF RUSTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1316**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
CHAPTER 5.02 OF THE RUSTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT HOUSE-
BANKED SOCIAL CARD GAMES WITHIN THE TOWN OF RUSTON,
SUBJECT TO AND CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM TO
THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN.**

WHEREAS, RCW 9.46.295 gives municipal governments authority to absolutely prohibit any or all licensed gambling activities within the jurisdictional limits of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ruston finds that the issue of whether or not to continue to allow house-banked social card games within the Town of Ruston is of great public interest, controversy, and concern, and should be decided by the citizens of the Town as a body rather than by the Town Council in the ordinary course of business; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ruston therefore finds that it would be in the best interest of, and most consonant with the wishes of, the citizens of the Town, to put the issue of whether or not to continue to allow house-banked social card games within the Town of Ruston to public vote as a referendum under the provisions of RCW 29A.36.071;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON,
WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. New Sections RMC 5.02.030, RMC 5.02.040, and RMC 5.02.050 are hereby added to Chapter 5.02 RMC. The new Sections 5.02.030, 5.02.040, and 5.02.050 shall read in their entirety as follows:

5.02.030 House-Banked Social Card Games Prohibited.

The operation of house-banked social card games as defined by RCW 9.46.0282 is prohibited within the Town of Ruston.

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5.02.040 Exemption.

Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations as defined in RCW 9.46.0209 may operate or conduct social card games pursuant to RCW 9.46.0311.

5.02.050 Violation - Penalty.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 2. Referendum. This Ordinance shall be summarized in a referendum measure pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071; said referendum measure shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election following the enactment by the Council of this Ordinance 1316, and this Ordinance shall not take effect unless and until a majority of the voters in said election approve said referendum measure.


Section 3. Effective Date. If the referendum measure contemplated by Section 3 herein is approved by the voters, this Ordinance shall take effect upon certification of the election results by the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ruston in open public meeting,
SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Town Clerk in authentication of such passage
this 2 day of August, 2010.



Bruce Hopkins, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Myriah Mesa, Town Clerk