

**TOWN OF BECKET
AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE REGULATIONS**

1. Per MGL c. 140, § 177A, as amended from time to time, any person or persons who keep on his premises for hire, gain, or reward any automatic amusement devices (games of skill) whereby with the deposit 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, shall be required to obtain an Automatic Amusement Device License and/or an Arcade License from the Board of Selectmen.
2. The term "automatic amusement device" as used herein shall include, with limitation, the following:
 - a) Electronic Video Games;
 - b) Electronic Gun or Target Games;
 - c) Coin-Operated Pin Ball Games;
 - d) Simulated Sports Games – e.g. Baseball, Hockey, etc.;
 - e) Coin-Operated Skee – Ball Games;
 - f) Coin-Operated Computer Games, etc.;
 - g) Coin-Operated Simulated Driving and/or Racing Games.
3. The keeping of Shuffleboard, Pool and/or Billiards games shall not be subject to these regulations.
4. All licenses granted pursuant to these regulations shall expire on December 31 and may, after written notice to the licensee, be revoked or suspended by the Selectmen.
5. Applications for the renewal of licenses are to be submitted no later than November 1 prior to the year in which such license is to be effective.
6. All applications for licenses will require a public hearing.
7. The license fee shall be \$100 per machine per year.
8. Any unlicensed automatic amusement device shall be subject to immediate seizure by the Becket Police Department.
9. Applicants requesting to license more than three (3) machines shall be considered an applicant for an "Arcade" License.

In addition to the Automatic Amusement Device License fee established herein, all Arcade Licenses shall pay the following license fee:

4 machines	\$100 per year
5 to 9 machines	\$200 per year
10 to 20 machines	\$300 per year

10. Applicants shall furnish the following information at the time of submission of its application:
 - a) A sketch drawn to a scale of 1/4" = 1'0" , showing a floor plan layout of machine(s), location(s), entrance(s), exits and all other furniture;
 - b) Total square footage of the establishment and the square footage of the area that will house the machine(s);
 - c) The name(s) of the owner of the machine(s).

The Board of Selectmen may require additional information.

11. All copies of applications and sketches shall be forwarded by the Board of Selectmen to the Police, Fire, and Building Departments for comment.

12. Re-applications for licenses shall not be entertained within one year of a denial of an Arcade and/or Automatic Amusement Device License application.

13. The following activities may result in the revocation or suspension of either an "Arcade License" and/or any Automatic Amusement Device License:

a) Allowing any devices licensed under these regulations to be operated by any person or persons under the age of 18. All licensed machines shall be predominantly posted with a sign with 1" high lettering notifying the public of age restrictions;

b) Any false statement or material omission in the application;

c) Permitting such "Arcade" and/or Automatic Amusement Device to be used for the purpose of gambling;

d) Failure of any licensee to maintain good order on the premises or permitting any disturbance, congestion or loitering upon the licensed premises;

e) Allowing any machine to be operated in a manner which allows it to be heard outside the licensed premises.

14. All licensees shall adhere to the license hours approved for the establishment. Automatic Amusement Devices licensed hereunder 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. The appropriate license for each device shall be posted in plain view over or adjacent to the appropriate device..

15. Any person or persons who violate any provisions of these regulations or restrictions contained in his license shall be punished by a penalty of \$100, in addition to possible revocation or suspension of license as provided above. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

16. As used herein "person" shall mean that natural person, corporation, or other entity that keeps and operates or permits the operation of any Automatic Amusement Device.

17. The invalidity of any section of these rules and regulations shall not invalidate the remaining sections, and the partial validity of any one section herein shall not invalidate the remaining portion of the section.

Policy Approved by Board of Selectmen: ___August 6, 2014_____ (Date)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF BECKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**APPLICATION TO OBTAIN AN "AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE" LICENSE
LICENSE EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31st**

Date of Application _____

1. Name of Applicant(s) _____
2. Address of Applicant(s) _____
3. Name and address of owner of machines if other than applicant(s).

Name: _____

Address: _____

4. Name and address of premises where machine(s) will be utilized

5. Name of Manager/Contact Person, Telephone Number & E-Mail Address

6. Description of premises

7. Types of Machines: (If more than 3 machines, an Arcade License is also required. Please attach list if additional space is required.)

Video, Pinball, etc.	Name of Game
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Please attach list if additional space required)

8. Do you have any existing machines? Yes _____ No _____

9. Name of manufacturer: _____

10. Model # issued by the Director of Standards for each machine:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

11. Hours of Operation:

Weekdays: From _____ To _____

Sunday: From _____ To _____

FEE: \$100 per machine for 3 machines or less. Applicants requesting to license more than 3 machines, must also be licensed as an "Arcade". In addition to the \$100 per machine Automatic Amusement Device License fee, all Arcade Licenses shall include the following license fee:

4 machines	\$100 per year
5 to 9 machines	\$200 per year
10 to 20 machines	\$300 per year

Please make check payable to the TOWN OF BECKET and return application and fee to the Board of Selectmen, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223.

I certify under penalty of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state and local tax returns and paid all state and local taxes required by law.

* Signature of Individual or Corporate Name
(MANDATORY)

Signature of Corporate Officer
(MANDATORY, IF APPLICABLE)

** Social Security Number (Voluntary) or
Federal Identification Number

Signature of Applicant

* This license will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant

** Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Licensees who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will be subject to license suspension or revocation. This request is made under the authority of Mass. G. L. c.62C s.49A.