



rRemarks Data for July 18, 2017 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
Public Comment	Comments of a General Nature	Need a more clear sign at McCollum Park for the work out equipment. Saw many children around 8 years old on them. Parent was with them, but the sign says over 15. I think they are reading that if a parent is with them, any age is okay.	Rosko, 6285 Chase Avenue, Downers Grove
Active Agenda	B. ORD 2017-7445 An ordinance establishing a food and beverage tax	<p>Dear Mayor and Members of Village of Downers Grove Council,</p> <p>Thank you for allowing staff to attend a recent Chamber630 Legislative Impact meeting to educate the business community on the proposed Food & Beverage Tax. There was a robust discussion, many questions and a few suggestions that staff has recorded for consideration. As you further this ordinance, please make your decision with a clear understanding that it will be a burden on effected businesses (monthly reporting with possible fines, likely increase of prices, printing costs, re-training, etc.).</p> <p>As you consider this tax - not taken lightly by any party, on behalf of the businesses in Chamber630 we ask that you open your agenda to new opportunity for those who will provide the Village with this needed revenue. Please reconsider the option of video gaming machines at the locations of viable, tax paying partners of the Village of Downers Grove.</p> <p>Several communities have successfully introduced, controlled and benefited from this business opportunity. Woodridge is a great example, introducing a limited pilot program with a reassessment after one year. Your colleagues at DuPage Mayors & Managers will testify that the municipalities have not fallen to dismal crime activity in the pursuit of video gaming.</p> <p>Again, on behalf of those providing the Village with the necessary revenue you'll be requesting of businesses tonight, Chamber630 asks that you consider video gaming for them.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Laura Crawford President & CEO Chamber630</p>	Laura Crawford, 2001 Butterfield Rd., Suite 105, Downers Grove