**Communities trying to cut back on video gambling**

**Algonquin** officials tightened regulations on video gambling, prohibiting establishments from operated in the village if their primary purpose or source of income is gambling*. (Daily Herald, 11/17/2016)*

**Crystal Lake** establishments can have 3 machines, cannot have exterior signage advertising video gambling, and neither interior signs nor the machines themselves can be visible from the outside. City Council amended the ordinance this week to specify that a physical barrier separate the machines from the view of other customers, regardless if the establishment only is accessible to customers 21 years or older. *(Northwest Herald, 10/20/2016)*

**Kankakee and Bradley** say ‘No More’ to video gambling parlors/cafes – Kankakee Mayor Nina Epstein said she's about had her fill of gaming. **"I don't see this as economic development. The city is making some money, but this doesn't add to the quality of life**," she said. (*Daily Journal, 10/30/2016)*

**Huntley** imposed a moratorium on new video gambling establishments until January 1 so officials can prepare regulations now that the village has home-rule powers. *(Daily Herald, 9/16/2016)*

**Decatur** City Council voted to cap the number of video gambling parlors at 30, the number of existing establishments plus pending license applications. Over time, the city will reduce the number to 20 through attrition and require new parlors to be 1,500 feet from other parlors. (*Herald and Review, 9/7/16*)

**Carbondale** caps number of video gambling machines at 100. The city continues to receive requests for video gambling licenses, and the expansion of video gambling, along with signage, has begun to create a negative image. The machines are everywhere and are distracting*. (The Southern, 9/20/2016)*

**Normal** Town Council voted unanimously to place a moratorium on video gambling licenses until the end of 2016. *(WJBC, 9/7/16)*

**Homer Glen** Village Board issued a temporary moratorium on the issuance of video gambling licenses. Trustees want to meet with school officials for their opinion of locating gambling licenses near schools. Trustees are concerned about video gambling parlors going up throughout town, (Daily Southtown 7/28/16)

**Tinley Park** trustees adopted new restrictions on video gambling parlors that are stricter than state law. The distance for “video gambling halls” was increased to 500 feet from churches, schools, day care centers or another gambling hall. The rule won’t be applied to restaurants and bars that have gambling. *(Daily Southtown, June 22, 2016)*

**Paxton** City Council committee opted not to recommend the creation of a liquor license that would allow a video gambling parlor. The request was for a license for beer and wine, but would not be a restaurant. Instead, **he would bring in donuts and pizza from a local convenience store**. *(Paxton Record, 3/3/16)*

**Cary** Village Board declines to issue video gambling license to Tobacco Shop. After an influx of proposals from businesses want to add video gambling, the Village declined to change its policy of allowing video gambling at businesses where gambling is not the main draw. *(Northwest Herald, 3/6/16)*

**Bloomington** is considering creating an annual fee for video gambling machines and an increase in fees for a liquor license. **The Mayor said the fee is being prompted in part to help pay for extra patrols of the downtown bar district**. *(The Pantagraph, March 8, 2016)*

**Flossmoor** Village Board unanimously turned down the liquor license for a video gambling parlor in the Commons shopping center. The vote is a signal to other businesses the Village is off-limits to establishments opening for the sole purpose of offering video gambling. *(H-F Chronicle, 12/22/2015)*

**Rantoul** Liquor Commission mandated that no additional liquor licenses be issued in the community other than restaurants with at least 48 seats*. (Rantoul Press, August 22, 2015)*

**Belleville** City Council voted unanimously to amend the video gaming ordinance to require that establishments derive at least 50 percent of their income from food and beverage in order to get a video gaming license. The aldermen prohibited stores that have a license for the retail sale of alcohol from getting a video gaming license. 8/2015 <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/article31890618.html#storylink=cpy>

**Wheeling** increased fees to $1,000 per machine. Wheeling's Executive Secretary Martin Seay, in a memo, added **that the increase occurred because “video gaming imposes a greater burden on village services than originally predicted.”** <http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_404e223e-467a-11e5-a28f-7346dd8e0466.html>

**Brookfield** wants to require a 1-year wait for a gambling license to keep video gambling parlors out. The village has been inundated with requests, 3 to 4 per week, for gambling establishments. Gambling revenues are flattening out and some establishments are seeing declines*. (R-B Landmark, July 21, 2015)*

**Palos Hills** aldermen in a narrow vote rejected gambling cafes targeting women. (Oct 4, 2015, Patch.com

**Peoria City Council approved a temporary moratorium on video gambling café** approvals, but are now wanting stricter limitations on business such as monthly sales requirements on food and drinks. <http://www.cinewsnow.com/news/local/City-Council-Leans-Toward-Tougher-279232342.html>

**Will County** officials, concerned about the fast growth of video gambling parlors, **pulled the plug, passing an ordinance to prohibit further video gambling in unincorporated areas of the county.** Existing machines in 27 establishments and those businesses that applied for a license prior to April 16, 2015 are exempt. (*Chicago Tribune, Daily Southtown)*Only three more liquor licenses will be allowed in unincorporated Will County, as **the county board voted unanimously to limit its total licenses to 60**. The limit was first proposed as a means to control video gambling machines, which was set at 150. *(5/26/15)*

**Alton** will implement a $250 per video gaming terminal surcharge among provisions in a proposed, four-section ordinance that establishes city licenses for video gaming terminals. Other parts of the proposed ordinance limit maximum number of terminals in one establishment to five; and say no one may obtain a license if he or she owes money to the city. (The Alton Telegraph, July 6, 2015)

**Galesburg** Aldermen want to limit the number of video gambling parlors by limiting to 5 the number of establishments making 51 percent or more of revenue from gambling. *(The Register Mail, July 19, 2015)*

**Westmont** Village Board is considering restrictions on video gambling when they realized **someone could buy a strip mall, open individual businesses along the strip and put gambling machines at each location. There’s a limit of 5 gambling machines per business, but no limit to the number of machines that can be installed in each town*.*** *(mySuburbanLife.com, 6/8/2015)*

**Morrison** City Council **denied a request** for a pour liquor license **to allow video gambling machines in the town’s only grocery store.** Sullivan’s Foods operates 12 groceries in Illinois. (*Sauk Valley.com, 5/11/15)*

**Loves Park’s** Mayor will introduce a plan to reduce the maximum number of free standing boutiques to the 17 currently in use in place of the current ordinance that allows for 20. “We feel there’s a saturation point and we really feel that the saturation point has been met.” *(WIFR, May 13, 2015)*

**Oak Forest Alderman wants to limit video gambling.** Ald. Richard Simon, said he thinks there are too many places in Oak Forest offering video gambling, and that **they use the liquor or restaurant licenses the city issues as a cover to offer nothing more than gambling**. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-oak-forest-gambling-st-0430-20150429-story.html>

### City of Rockford could change liquor code to gain control over video gaming. Rockford has nearly 400 video gaming machines, and elected officials are concerned about the impact on sales tax revenue. <http://www.wrex.com/story/26836466/2014/10/21/city-of-rockford-could-change-liquor-code-to-gain-control-over-video-gaming>

**Springfield** has the most gambling machines in the State, and many video gambling parlors were requesting new liquor licenses. Aldermen passed an ordinance to restrict future video gambling licenses to locations that get at least 60 percent of their revenue from food and drink sales. <http://wics.com/template/cgi-bin/archived.pl?type=basic&file=/news/top-stories/stories/archive/2014/04/eOVKYhHg.xml>

**Carbondale city council creates new Class B3** **liquor license,** allowing for 5 stand-alone video gaming establishments throughout the city. The annual revenue for the license holders must be at least 51 percent from video gaming. The fees for the liquor license begin at $500 and can be as high as $2,250. <http://thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/carbondale/council-approves-new-liquor-license/article_3dc96f24-de26-5584-afbd-f839ee1476fa.html>

**Sterling’s** City Council passed an ordinance in February, 2015, to limit the expansion of video gambling. The new law tightened the definition of “primary business” regarding the sale of alcohol, which would keep most gambling parlors out of the town. In September, the mayor said legal concerns made it necessary to grant a liquor license for a video gambling parlor. Attorneys said **the city might get sued if it turned down a liquor license because of gambling concerns.** *(SaulkValley.com Sept. 4, 2015)*

**Freeport** City Council members are exploring ways to limit video gambling machines**.** **The only way a local government could cap the number of establishments with video gambling would be by limiting liquor licenses**. <http://www.journalstandard.com/article/20141014/News/141019611#ixzz3GFj1nEsG>

**Oak Lawn may be reaching limit on video gambling.** The City Council did not support a liquor license for a fast-food restaurant that wanted to have video gambling machines. The Mayor said, **“I don’t like going to my favorite restaurants feeling like I’m in Las Vegas.**<http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/30100544-418>

# Sugar Grove says no to video gambling at gas station. Some of the owner’s other stations have video gambling, with cashiers serving alcohol. Few gambling customers buy alcohol. They market to people who don't want to sit in a bar or people who want to do a little gambling on their lunch break. <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20141008/news/141008453/>

**Elgin says no to video gambling at gas station.** The president of Glogovsky Oil asked for a liquor license to have a video gambling parlor serving sandwiches and on-site beer and wine at the gas station with a convenience store. “**We’re getting away from being a gas station**.” <http://couriernews.suntimes.com/2014/10/08/elgin-city-council-bar-cineplex-okay-video-gaming-gas-station/>

**Bartlett moves to restrict video gambling.** Fearing that Bartlett could turn into what one official called a "mini Las Vegas," village leaders are crafting stricter standards for video gambling. <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140108/news/701089796/>