



## TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

### POLICY: AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT

**BOS/98/04/R03**

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

The Town of Plymouth Automatic Amusement Policy is intended to inform petitioners as to what requirements and fees are for automatic amusement centers and machines.

### 2.0 POLICY GUIDELINES

#### 2.1 Issuance Policy

<u>Category</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Restaurants	1 machine per 250 SF of lounge area to max. of 2 coin-operated games
Fast Food/Take Out	1 machine per 250 SF of eating area to max. of 2 coin-operated games
Bar/Pub	1 machine per 250 SF of seating area to max. of 3 coin-operated games
Private Clubs/Private Athletic Clubs	1 machine per 250 SF of seating area to max. of 5 coin operated games
Hotel/Motel	over 75 rooms - max. of 6 coin-operated games in designated area under 75 rooms - max. of 2 coin-operated games in designated area
Department Store	1 machine per 25,000 SF of business area to max. of 4 coin-operated games
Convenience Store	1 machine per 500 SF of business area to a maximum of 2 machines
Pool Hall	4,000 SF minimum area to max. of 14 pool tables

Recreation Center	1 machine per 5,000 SF of recreation area to max. of 10 coin-operated games
Amusement Center	Game room - no more than 25% of facility
Game Room	2,500 SF minimum area with a min. of 35 and a max. of 50 games

## 2.2 Definitions

Recreation Center	A facility consisting of athletic activities as the primary use, i.e. soccer, baseball, hockey, golf, etc.
Amusement Center	A facility consisting of a variety of amusements, i.e. miniature golf, game room, pool, etc. with game room taking up no more than 25% of the floor area of the building.
Game Room	Minimum 2,500 SF facility with a min. of 35 and a max. of 50 games with one full-time supervisor whose primary function is to oversee the operation. The facility shall have a max. of 15 upright non-redemption video games and the remainder to be of a variety of other coin-operated amusements.
Coin-Operated Game	Upright non-redemption video game
Redemption Games	Any coin-operated game where the participant receives tickets for prizes.
Kiddie Rides	Not added to the amusement list
TableTop Amusement	Air Hockey, Fozz Ball, Bowling Game or other coin-operated game as not otherwise defined.

## 2.3 Additional Conditions

1. All establishments presently licensed for automatic amusements in excess of limits set forth in Section I of this policy shall be grandfathered effective the date of the policy adoption.
2. A licensee may substitute two table top amusement games for one coin-operated game, provided such substitution shall take place no more than once per establishment.
3. A licensee may substitute one pool table for every two coin-operated games authorized under Section I of this policy. Individual pool tables require 500 SF.

4. All applicants for automatic amusement licenses shall as part of the application provide a floor plan of the establishment, including the dimensions of the lounge, eating area, seating area, game room, or business area whichever is applicable. The Hotel/Motel category shall submit only the number of rooms in the establishment.
5. All applicants for automatic amusement licenses shall, as part of the application, provide the type and method of supervision of the operation.
6. No application for automatic amusement licenses denied by the Board of Selectmen shall be submitted for reconsideration for a minimum of six months from the date of the Board's denial.
7. Recreation Center, Amusement Center and Game Room requires an advertised public hearing.

### **3.0 APPLICABILITY**

The Town of Plymouth Automatic Amusement Policy applies to any group, organization, corporation or individual who wishes to apply for automatic amusements for a new or existing business.

### **4.0 QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding the Town of Plymouth Automatic Policy may be directed to the Town Manager's Office at (508) 830-4000 or the Inspectional Services Office at (508) 830-4032.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen