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TO: Safety and Licensing Committee  
Common Council

FROM: Lt. Ben Goodin

DATE: 9/19/2025

RE: Police Department's Recommendation for Denial of Santino LLC's (dba Houdini's Escape Gastropub) Mechanical Amusement Device License Application

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## Committee Members:

On 9/16/25 I received an Application for Mechanical Amusement Device License from the City of Appleton Clerk's Office for "Santino LLC" (dba Houdini's Escape Gastropub) located at 1216 S. Oneida St. Appleton, WI. The application had ten amusement devices listed, which are as follows:

- Big Daddy Games Power Player 3 video game
- Big Daddy Games Spooky Tall video game
- Big Daddy Games Dragon Deluxe video game
- Big Daddy Games Viva La Jackpot video game
- IT Golden Tee Golf video game
- Jenka Labs Arcade video game
- Big Daddy Games 30-in-one video game
- Big Daddy Games 60-in-one video game
- Arachnid Electronic Dart game
- Technik Pulltab vending machine

Based on my knowledge and research into gambling machines, eight of the listed machines are illegal in Wisconsin pursuant to Wis. Stat. §945.03, Wis. Stat. §945.035 and Wis. Stat. §945.04 and City of Appleton ordinance 9-52(3). The golf video game and the dart game are not illegal



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based on my research into these products. Due to these eight machines being deemed illegal in the State of Wisconsin and in the City of Appleton, it is the Appleton Police Department's recommendation that the Application for Mechanical Amusement Device License be denied.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Ben Goodin  
Appleton Police Department