

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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DATE: July 14, 2009

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Jason Caudle, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: **Amending Section 5.08.140 Pertaining To Bingo Prize Values**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 929, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Section 5.08.140 of the Lancaster Municipal Code.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

A local Bingo Operator has requested the City modify the City of Lancaster Municipal Code to be consistent with State Law. In 2008 SB1369, Chapter 748 was passed that amended Section 326.5 of the Penal Code to allow an increase of the maximum payout (in cash or kind, or both) for each separate game which is held from Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250), to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Our ordinance unless amended only allows the maximum amount per game of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250). The impact of this change to the City is minimal; however, the ability for an operator to increase their payouts will have an impact on the revenue potential for each operator.

Attachment:

Ordinance No. 929

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