

ORDINANCE NO. 72-12

BY: **BRIAN DAY**
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF INTERNET CAFES OR OF BUSINESSES DEVOTING FLOOR SPACE TO INTERNET-BASED SWEEPSTAKES GAMES WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 270-10, adopted on October 18, 2010, placed a temporary moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months, on the granting of any permits allowing the operation of internet cafes or of businesses devoting floor space to internet-based sweepstakes games within the City of Parma; Ordinance No. 84-11, adopted on April 4, 2011, extended this moratorium for ninety (90) days; Ordinance No. 179-11, adopted on July 5, 2011, extended the moratorium for an additional ninety (90) days; Ordinance No. 249-11, adopted October 11, 2011, extended the moratorium for an additional sixty (60) days; and Ordinance No. 302-11, adopted April 13, 2012, extended the moratorium for an additional one hundred twenty (120) days; and,

WHEREAS, the current extension of the moratorium will expire on or about April 13, 2012, and it is the intent of the City to extend this moratorium for an additional one hundred eighty (180) days from the present expiration date; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 195 is working its way through the Ohio General Assembly, and, if enacted, will give additional guidance to this City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Council hereby approves an additional one hundred eighty (180) day extension on the moratorium on the granting of any permits allowing the operation of internet cafes or of businesses devoting floor space to internet-based sweepstakes games within the City of Parma, with said extension to expire on or about October 10, 2012.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to extend this moratorium in a timely manner, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO