

Sponsor: Dave Woerpel
5th District Councilman

RESOLUTION NO. R38

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION AND
INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALLOW TRANSFER TO HAMMOND, INDIANA OF
A GAMING LICENSE**

WHEREAS, In 1994 the Indiana Gaming Commission issued two gaming licenses for Casinos to be located in the City of Gary Indiana, and in 1996 two “Riverboats” opened in that City at Buffington Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Law was later expanded and changed to allow for ten (10) “Riverboat” Casinos, including the successful Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana.

WHEREAS; In 2015 the Indiana General Assembly allowed for further gaming expansion and permitted land based casinos to be located in the State of Indiana, and

WHEREAS, Due to a transfer of ownership, Majestic Star now holds both gaming licenses in the City of Gary, one of which cannot be transferred or sold without a change in Indiana Law; and

WHEREAS, the Majestic Star boats and facilities are nearing the end of their life expectancy and Majestic Star wishes to move one of its licenses to a land-based location near Interstates 80/94 and 65 to replace the aging boats and facilities at Buffington Harbor and which project the City of Hammond supports as a transfer of a single license from Buffington Harbor to a land based location; and

WHEREAS, since the last census, Hammond has become the largest City in Lake County in terms of population; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond, Indiana Horseshoe Casino continues to lead Lake County

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and most of Indiana casinos in terms of visitors and revenues, drawing much of its revenue from Illinois customers based on its strategic location near the Illinois border; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana would benefit from the location of a second Casino in Hammond Indiana by ways of increased tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond currently possesses, the land, the population, the capital and the interstate customer base to support a second casino within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Common Council and Hammond Thomas McDermott Mayor wish to express the desire for and formally request the Indiana General Assembly and Indiana Gaming Commission to transfer to the City of Hammond the second Casino license which is currently located in the City of Gary, Indiana, but will soon become unused.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, that the City of Hammond requests the Indiana Gaming Commission and the Indiana General Assembly pass legislation allowing the City of Hammond, Indiana to obtain the current unused Gaming License located in the City of Gary, Indiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 5th day of November, 2018.

President Janet Venecz /s/
Hammond Common Council

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ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to
the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 6th day of November, 2018.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R38 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including
this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of
Hammond, Indiana, this 6th day of November, 2018.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 5th day of November, 2018 and approved by the
Mayor on the 6th day of November, 2018.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk, /s/
Hammond, Indiana