

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the City of Portland has entered into an arrangement with the various gamblers and gambling houses in the City of Portland, Oregon, whereby the games of Faro, Roulette, Wheel of Fortune, Poker, Stud Poker, Keno, Fan Tan, Craps and other games are permitted to run and be conducted in the City of Portland contrary to the ordinances of the City of Portland, and of the laws of the State of Oregon, under a so-called system of fines, whereby the Police Department of the City is supposed to arrest the various persons known to said Department to be so conducting gambling games and houses in the City of Portland at such times as the said Department or the chief thereof think fit, proper or necessary for the regulation of such games, and gamblers; and

WHEREAS, when such gamblers are arrested, they are required to deposit with one of the officers of the Police Department such a sum in cash as in the opinion of such officer or the chief of the Police Department will properly regulate and control such gambler until he is again arrested, which sum thus deposited is thereafter declared forfeited by the Police Court, upon the failure of such gambler to appear therein and defend against a charge of gambling; and

WHEREAS, the system thus established subjects the Police Department to criticism, for showing favors to certain gamblers, and proprietors of gambling houses, by arresting them less frequently than other gamblers are arrested, and also by requiring them to pay less sums to the officer of the department when the arrests are made; and

WHEREAS certain officers of the Police Department are also subject to the criticism as well as the temptation of accepting personal favors from the gamblers thus favored and in return for favors granted, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has been accused of adopting the policy of protecting Portland gamblers from the competition of gamblers of other cities who might desire to start in business in the City of Portland on account of the very favorable conditions which exist in this City, thereby creating a monopoly and tending to retard the growth

of gambling in the City of Portland and reduce the number and amount of fines paid to the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Council of the City of Portland to regulate gambling within the City and by ordinance to license all business, trades and callings and fix the amount and manner in which the same is to be paid; and

WHEREAS, the action of the Police Department appears to exceed its constitutional power and to encroach upon the duties and prerogatives of the Council:

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Portland that the License Committee of this Council be and hereby is directed to investigate the conduct of the Police Department in relation to gambling and gamblers in the City of Portland, and to the end that said Committee may be able to fully and satisfactorily make said investigation it is hereby given power to summon any and all persons to appear before such committee and answer under oath in regard to all questions in relation thereto.

Adopted May 20th, 1903.

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Foeller	0	1
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Rumelin	0	1
Sharkey	1 0	1
Sherrett	0	1
Sigler		1 0
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