



Media Advisory

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EVANSTON TO BE FIRST MAJOR CITY TO BAN VIDEO GAMING **City Council Set to Ban Practice Tonight**

When: Monday, September 14, 2009 at 8:30 p.m.

Where: Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

What: The City of Evanston is on course to be the first major Illinois city to ban video gaming during the City Council meeting this evening at 8:30 p.m. The legislation was passed by the Illinois General Assembly in May and signed into law by Governor Quinn in July.

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl is not convinced the city would sufficiently benefit financially from video gaming and stated, "the social consequences would be devastating."

The statute, Public Act 96-34, provides local governments with the following options to ban video gaming:

1. Corporate authorities may pass an ordinance prohibiting video gaming within the corporate limits; or
2. A petition containing not less than 25% of the legal voters of that municipality may be filed with the clerk at least 90 days prior to the election for the purpose putting the question to the voters.

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