

STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation of)
the License to Conduct Gambling Activities of:)
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Scot A. Cooper)
Marysville, Washington,)
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Licensee.)
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NO. CR 2011-00690

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Scot A. Cooper license number 68-06858, authorizing house-banked card room activity with the Wizards Casino.

The license expires May 23, 2012, and was issued subject to the licensee's compliance with state gambling laws and rules.

II.

David Trujillo, Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230.

The licensee failed to pay court-ordered fines and fees and currently owes \$3,762.50 that has been sent to collections. As a result of his fines and fees in collections, Mr. Cooper has six FTA's on his record. A Failure to Appear (FTA) is issued when the defendant fails to make themselves accountable to the courts and/or fails to appear in court after being ordered to do so. The collection amounts remain outstanding despite the licensee having been sent a letter by a Gambling Commission Special Agent in May 2011, stating that the agent would be recommending revocation of Mr. Cooper's license if the amounts remained unpaid and in collections. Through his actions, the licensee has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with court orders.

Based on the licensee's failure to pay court ordered court fines and fees, he poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities. As a result, the licensee has failed to establish by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure under RCW 9.46.153(1).

Therefore, under RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (8), grounds exist to suspend or revoke Scot A. Cooper's license.

RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by

it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein: (The following subsections apply.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

(8) Fails to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that he is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by: (a) Prior activities; or (b) Criminal record; or (c) Reputation; or (d) Habits; or (e) Associations.

RCW 9.46.153(1) Applicants and licensees-Responsibilities and duties

(The following subsection applies.)

It shall be the affirmative responsibility of each applicant and licensee to establish by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure of each person required to be qualified under this chapter, as well as the qualifications of the facility in which the licensed activity will be conducted.

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III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the Administrative Procedure Act, WAC Title 230.

The licensee will have the opportunity to have a hearing on the alleged violations.

In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options, the enclosed request for hearing must be completed and returned to the Gambling Commission **within 23 days** from the date of the mailing of this notice.

Based on RCW 34.05.440, failure to return a request for hearing will result in the entry of a default order REVOKING your license.

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF THURSTON)

David Trujillo, Deputy Director, being duly sworn on oath, says: That he has read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for An Adjudicative Proceeding, knows the contents of it, believes it to be true, that he is the Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, and in that capacity has executed said Notice.



[Signature]

DAVID TRUJILLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 25th day of June, 2011.

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington residing at Thurston County
My commission expires on April 29, 2014

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss
COUNTY OF THURSTON)

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 24 day of June, 2011

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Communications and Legal Department
Washington State Gambling Commission