



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

November 2, 2009

To: Card Room Licensees

**Subject: Proposed Rule:
Additional Requirements for licensed business premises of card rooms.**

Licensed card rooms are currently limited to a maximum of 15 tables per establishment. Staff has raised concerns over the recent licensure of a card room located adjacent to another card room owned by the same group or organization. The two card rooms share a common wall, windows, and bathrooms. Staff's concerns include whether card rooms adjacent to each other are two separate card rooms or one card room with 30 tables.

We need to know if you support or oppose a new rule that would outline restrictions for card rooms that are adjacent to each other.

This new rule would not apply to card rooms that were licensed on July 1, 2010. However, after this date if any card room has a change involving a new owner(s) occur, these restrictions apply.

You are invited to attend the November Study Session and discuss this with us.

Study Sessions are informal meetings that are held Thursday mornings before Commission meetings.

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009, Study Session

Time: 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Location: Lacey Community Center, Woodland Creek Community Center,
6729 Pacific Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98503, Phone: (360) 491-0847

If you are unable to attend a Study Session, send your comments ASAP to:

Michelle M. Pardee, Acting Rules Coordinator, WSGC, PO Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504 or e-mail: Michellep@wsgc.wa.gov or phone: (360) 486-3465.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Pardee

Michelle M. Pardee,
Acting Rules Coordinator and Public Information Officer
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New Section

WAC 230-06-046 Additional requirements for licensed business premises of class E, F, or house-banked card rooms.

- (1) The licensed business premises of class E, F, or house-banked card rooms may be adjacent to each other if each licensed business premises:
 - (a) Share no inside public access between the two licensed business premises; and
 - (b) Has no employee access between the two licensed business premises visible to the public; and
 - (c) Posts signs at each entrance that is accessible by the public that clearly notify customers of the licensed business premises' identity; and
 - (d) Does not share windows or similar structures that allow customers to see into the other licensed business premises.
- (2) These restrictions do not apply to class E, F, or house-banked card rooms that have these features and were licensed on July 1, 2010. However, if any change involving new owner(s) occur, these restrictions apply.