



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## GAMBLING COMMISSION

*"Protecting the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"*

**TO:** House-Banked Card Room Applicants

**SUBJECT: HOUSE-BANKED CARD ROOM APPLICATION PROCESS**

As a matter of public policy, we strive to conduct business as simply as possible and to efficiently deliver our services. We also take great pride in our commitment to public service.

In some cases, our effort to be great providers of public service has had the unforeseen impact of lengthening the licensing approval process. Specifically, we have accepted incomplete applications for House-Banked Card Rooms with the understanding that outstanding items were to be completed relatively quickly. Unfortunately, in some cases, these incomplete applications have caused us to conduct the same pre-licensing investigation over and over again as time passes and/or owners, financing, and facility conditions change.

Accordingly, we have determined it is in the best interest of all parties to accept only complete applications that are ready for our approval process. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 230-03-035 says the Commission will only consider those applications that have been fully completed. The underlying authority for the code is Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9.46.070. If you submit an application that is not complete, please know that WAC 230-03-035 requires the missing information be submitted within (30) thirty days or the application may be administratively closed.

In order to prevent delays in your licensing process, ensure all application forms have been filled out completely and accurately and know that at a minimum, we will look for the following:

- 1) The location/facility must be near completion. Equipment installation and/or minimal finishing work to be completed are permissible.
- 2) All lease agreements must be in place.
- 3) All financing must have been received.
- 4) All investors and owners must be established.
- 5) All organization taxes are current
- 6) If you are purchasing the business assets and/or the building, all applicable documents must be signed and executed. We will not approve contingency sales of business assets or premises for House-Banked Card Rooms. We may process an application for contingency sale, but the sale must close prior to the Commission issuing a license.