



You are receiving this notice because you commented on these proposed rule changes:

Notice of Permanent Rules for Wagering Limits for Nonhouse-banked Card Games.

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Gambling Commission's adoption of Amended Sections:

WAC 230-15-135 Wagering limits for nonhouse-banked card games.

The Administrative Procedure Act ([RCW 34.05.325\(6\)](#)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule-making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule-making process have had an opportunity to receive this document, the Washington State Gambling Commission will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser.

The Washington State Gambling Commission appreciates your involvement in the rule-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Griffin, Assistant Director, at Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov or at (360) 486-3546.

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

A petitioner requested increased wagering limits for nonhouse-banked card games, such as poker. Specifically, the proposed change increases the maximum amount of a single wager on any authorized nonhouse-banked card game to:

- \$100 for Class F card rooms; and
- \$300 for a house-banked card room licensee.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and consideration of the comments. The summaries below are from stakeholders who have commented either at Commission Meetings or emailed their comments/concerns to the Commission. Please note, the spelling of these names have not all been verified.

George Teeny, Owner of the New Phoenix and Last Frontier: Wants to be able to offer no limit play. The \$300 limit provides enough of a leverage to where the no limit players would be able to bet anywhere from \$1 to \$300.

Ian Riley, Owner of the Black Pearl Casino: It would be great to have the ability to offer a larger spread game. We would be able to offer a more exciting game for those players that could afford it. We have a local tribal casino that has the ability to offer a larger game than what we do. The ability to be competitive against that would be a benefit to our room.

B.J. Garbe, CEO of Lake Bowl Inc.: Supports the rule change.

Dan Baker, Controller for Black Pearl Spokane: Supports the rule change.

Josh Herschlip from the Buzz Inn Steak House and Casino: Supports the rule change.

Mark Greene, owner of Lancer Lanes and Casino: Supports the rule change.

Players in Southwest Washington: About 90 signatures from poker players supporting the rule change. (See attached.)

WSGC Response:

A Notice of Rulemaking was emailed to all card room licensees on May 9, 2016, providing stakeholders with information on how to provide feedback on the proposed rule changes. The petition and proposed rule change have been posted on our website since early May 2016.

The proposed rule change was discussed with stakeholders at the informal Study Session in April, May, July and August 2016. The rule was formerly discussed at the May, July and August 2016 Commission meetings. The public was invited to provide testimony to the Commissioners on the rule proposal.

The Commissioners took into account all information through testimony and written comments in making their decision to proceed with this rule change.

If there are variances from the proposed rule and final adopted rule, state the reasons for the differences (RCW 34.05.325(6)(a)(ii)).

There were no variances from the filing of the proposed rule and the final adopted rule.