



# Cardroom Ordinance Amendment

## Proposed Modifications to Cardroom Ordinance

- Amend Chapter 5.20, Section 5.20.070(A.)(2.) of the Folsom Municipal Code, to increase the number of card tables in the City from 9 to 11, pursuant to the allowance provided by Business and Professions Code § 19961.06(b), and add language to this Section that would allow the City to take advantage of any future table increases authorized by the Legislature without amending the Cardroom Ordinance as follows:

### **5.20.070 Cardroom regulations.**

A. No person shall operate a cardroom in violation of any of the following regulations:

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2. No more than ~~nine~~ eleven (11) card tables shall be permitted in any cardroom. However, should judicial or legislative action alter the restrictions or limitations in the Gambling Control Act, Business and Professions Code section 19800 et seq., to allow for an increase in the current number of tables without voter approval, the maximum number of tables permitted in any cardroom may be increased, subject to city council allocation, up to the amount such judicial or legislative action allows, not to exceed a maximum of fifteen (15) tables.

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- Delete Section 5.20.070(A.)(13.)(d.) of the Folsom Municipal Code, which currently prohibits the practice of “backline betting” within the City as follows:

13. The following provisions shall govern wagering limits: It is unlawful for any person to bet or wager at or against any card game held at a licensed gaming club except as allowed by this chapter. In addition to any conditions that may be imposed on a license, the following restrictions shall apply:

...

~~d. Other than seated players actively participating in the game, no person shall be permitted to place a wager on any card game, and a player shall only place a wager on his or her own card hand. Backline betting or side betting is prohibited.~~

## Analysis

- Implications Associated with Amendments
  - Minor Increase in Number of Customers
  - Minor Increase in Number of Employees
- Consultation with Internal City Staff
- Consultation with External Agencies
- No Significant Impacts Identified
- Letter from State Bureau of Gambling Control

## Future Requirements

- Obtain Approval of Conditional Use Permit (Planning Commission)
- Obtain Approval of Cardroom License (City Council)

## Updated Changes to Cardroom Ordinance

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## Staff Recommendation

- Staff Recommends City Council Introduce and Conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 1334 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Section 5.20.070(A)(2) and Repealing Section 5.20.070(A)(13) of the Folsom Municipal Code to Increase the Number of Card Tables and Allow Backline Betting