

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive				October 28	Intro
Division Head:				Nov. 18	Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor: Randall J. Watts					
Executive: Pete Kremen					

SUBJECT:

Repeal a portion of Whatcom County Code Chapter 9.04.030 regarding public card rooms

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Council, in response to citizen inquiry, is considering repeal of a portion of Whatcom County Code, Chapter 9.04.030 to remove the prohibition against public card rooms and public card games.

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requested date: <i>Nov. 18</i>
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1997 - 331 A 10/28/97: Introduced at special council meeting.
 11/18/97: Public Hearing Held. Adopted 7 - 0. Ord. #97-060

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Ord. # 97-060

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Executive
DATE: 10/28/97

ORDINANCE NO. 97-060

An Ordinance Amending Whatcom County Code, Chapter 9.04.030, Repealing Prohibition of Public Card Rooms in Unincorporated Areas of Whatcom County.

WHEREAS, commercial gaming activity has expanded significantly in Whatcom County following passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the expanded gaming activity is occurring in unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, most commercial gaming activity, including that conducted in public card rooms, is regulated by the Gambling Commission of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, from a practical standpoint, additional gaming activity attributable to public card rooms is most likely to occur in established, regulated facilities where other forms of gaming already occur; and


WHEREAS, in light of the considerations listed above, the public policy reasons for prohibiting public card rooms have diminished,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that: the prohibition against public card rooms and public card games contained in Whatcom County Code, Chapter 9.04.030, an ordinance dated September 20, 1976, is repealed, and the ordinance is hereby amended, as detailed in Exhibit "A" attached to this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any portion of this Ordinance is found to be unlawful, all remaining portions shall remain in effect.

ADOPTED this 18 day of November, 1997.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


L. WARD NELSON
Council Chair

ATTEST:



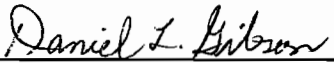
DANA BROWN-DAVIS
Clerk of the Council

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PETE KREMEN
Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DANIEL L. GIBSON
Senior Civil Deputy
Prosecuting Attorney

DATE: 11-24-97

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Exhibit "A"

Whatcom County Code, Chapter 9.04.030 is amended as follows:

Pursuant to the authority contained in RCW 9.46.295, the following activities are absolutely prohibited throughout the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County:

- ~~A. Public card rooms and public card games,~~
- ~~B. Every social card game use as or in connection with, a commercial stimulant.~~