

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	Nelson	4/29/2008		5/6/2008	Consent
Division Head:				5/20/2008	Public Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Ordinance repealing WCC 9.04.030, Public Cardrooms restrictions on card games

ATTACHMENTS:

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing ? () Yes () NO Requested Date:
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

Ordinance repealing WCC 9.04.030, public cardrooms prohibited - restrictions on social card games

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

5/06/2008: Introduced
 5/20/2008: Council Adopted 7-0
 Ord. 2008-019

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. 2008-019

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PROPOSED BY: Nelson
SPONSORED BY: Consent
INTRODUCTION DATE: May 6, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-019

**REPEALING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 9.04.030, PUBLIC CARDROOMS
PROHIBITED - RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL CARD GAMES**

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1997, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 97-060, repealing the prohibition of public cardrooms in unincorporated areas of Whatcom County; and

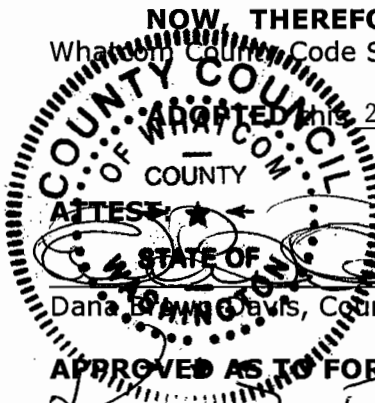
WHEREAS, it was recently discovered that a portion of Section 9.04.030 was left in the Code, prohibiting every social card game as, or in connection with, a commercial stimulant to a business; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council wishes to allow properly licensed social card games to continue in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, repealing this section of the code will allow "social games" to be played in card rooms that have been licensed and approved by the Washington State Gambling Commission and will place the enforcement of these card rooms and social games with the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Whatcom County Code Section 9.04.030 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2008



Dana Davis, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Loren Stokes
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Carl Weimer
Carl Weimer, Council Chair

Approved Denied

Pete Kremen
Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 5-22-08