



# Resource Management Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 27, 2024 – REVISED

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| Public Hearing Required            | N/A |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk   | N/A |
| Published Notice Required          | N/A |
| Advertised Published Notice        | N/A |
| Meet & Confer Required             | N/A |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached | N/A |
| Personnel Resolution attached      | N/A |
| Agreement(s) attached              | N/A |

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**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of Part VI of the Ordinance Code of Tulare County, Pertaining to Lawful Gambling Establishments, Controlled Gaming, and Gambling Enterprise Employees

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of Part VI of the Ordinance Code of Tulare County, pertaining to Lawful Gambling Establishments, Controlled Gaming, and Gambling Enterprise Employees.
2. Find that the ordinance was introduced on August 13, 2024, and was set for adoption at today's meeting.
3. Find that the title of the ordinance was included on the published agenda, and a summary of the ordinance was published and that a copy of the full ordinance was made available to the public online and in print at the meeting before the ordinance was adopted.
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a summary of the ordinance and post a full copy of the ordinance after adoption as required by law.

**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County ordinance number 3208, which became effective on June 30, 1998, added provisions to the County Ordinance Code governing the local licensing and operations of cardrooms in the unincorporated areas of the County. The provisions were recast by ordinance number 3390 as of August 20, 2009, as Part VI Business Licenses and Regulations, Chapter 17 regarding Cardrooms, and slightly amended by ordinance number 3490 as of February 25, 2016, but with little substantive change since their original adoption.

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The Resource Management Agency (RMA) has received an application to amend those ordinance provisions. The applicant owns and operates the Deuce Lounge and Casino, a 5-table cardroom located at 30435 Road 68 in Goshen. The applicant desires to obtain amendments to the existing Tulare County Code to allow for the maximum number of gaming tables, betting limits, and hours of operation allowed under existing state law.

The following is a summary of the main proposed revisions to the gambling ordinance:

➤ **Hours of Operation**

- Current – Cardrooms may operate 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- Proposed – Cardrooms may operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

➤ **Number of Tables**

- Current – Maximum number of tables in a single establishment is 5 and Countywide maximum of 12.
- Proposed – Maximum number of tables in a single establishment shall be 12 and Countywide maximum of 16.

➤ **Wagering Limits**

- Current – \$200 maximum single bet and \$200 maximum total ante.
- Proposed – No limits on the amount wagered in any permitted games.

➤ **Multiple applications to increase number of tables in an individual establishment.**

- Current – Ordinance does not address multiple applications.
- Proposed – Board of Supervisors approves of one application over the other.

➤ **Age of Employees**

- Current – No employees under the age of 21 years.
- Proposed – Allows employment of non-gaming Employees between the ages of 18 and 20 years.

In accordance with the Business and Professions Code section 19961.1, RMA submitted the proposed ordinance amendments to the California Bureau of Gambling Control for its review and comment, and RMA has incorporated the Bureau's comments into the final version of the proposed amendments. Through his counsel, the applicant likewise has concurred with the proposed amendments.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the "Economic Well Being Initiative - to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a

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quality standard of living.” The requested ordinance amendments will help local cardrooms to better compete with other gambling establishments in surrounding areas.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

**/s/ Michael Washam**

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Michael Washam, A.C.E  
Associate Director

**/s/ Reed Schenke**

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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A - Summary Ordinance  
Attachment B - Proposed Ordinance  
Attachment C - Redline Ordinance