

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STOCKTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.32, SECTION 5.32.080

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: AMENDMENT OF CODE

Title 5, Chapter 5.32, section 5.32.080 is amended to read as follows:

5.32.080 Limitation on number of licenses and number of tables

At no time shall there be more additional card room license(s) in the City that would result in exceeding the limitation of card rooms and/or playing tables established herein. The location of additional card room(s) shall be established through the land use approval process. This section shall not be interpreted to authorize any form of physical or use expansion of the preexisting card rooms without conformance with the planning and licensing approval process. There shall be no more than four card rooms in the City at any one time.

As of the passage of this ordinance, a licensed card room shall be allowed to increase the number of gambling tables operated in the gambling establishment by up to 2 additional tables within the first year after the ordinance takes effect, and up to 2 additional tables every four years thereafter, not to exceed 10 additional tables above the number of tables operated in the licensed gambling establishment on January 1, 2024. A gambling establishment shall have all permitted gambling tables in operation and remain current in payment on all taxes and other applicable fees before an increase in gambling tables is allowed.

The number of tables for a particular applicant shall be determined during the land use and licensing approval process. Licensees shall obtain approval from the Chief of Police prior to expanding (for any reason, including special tournaments, etc.) the number of tables allowed by their initial and/or current license. Under no circumstances shall the number of tables in any one card room exceed 21 card tables. The physical location of any card room licensed to operate within the City shall be in conformance with the requirements of the Planning and Zone Code in Title 16 of the Stockton Municipal Code.

SECTION II: SEVERABILITY

If any of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION III: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after its passage.

ADOPTED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton