

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension of )  
the Licenses to Conduct Gambling Activities of: )  
Ringo's Little Vegas )  
11420 E. Sprague Ave. )  
Spokane, Washington, )  
Licensee. )  
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NO. CR 2009-00249

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY  
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE  
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Ringo's Little Vegas, organization number 00-20217, the following licenses:

- Number 67-00223, Authorizing Class "13" House-Banked Card Room Activity.
- Number 05-20041, Authorizing Class "D" Punchboard/Pull-Tab Activity.

The licenses expire on September 30, 2009, and were issued subject to the licensee's compliance with state gambling laws and regulations.

II.

Rick Day, Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230:

- 1) On at least February 12, 2009, and February 13, 2009, the licensee's closed circuit television system (CCTV) had multiple cameras in their gaming area that failed to work as required by administrative rule. Two of the pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras displayed a black picture on the monitor. Two other cameras displayed a blurry and indecipherable image on the monitor. One camera rotated at such a slow speed that it failed to verify winning hands, amounts of the wager, amounts of the payout, and the players who won the prize. These are violations of WAC 230-15-320(4).
- 2) On at least February 12, 2009, and February 13, 2009, the licensee's CCTV failed to provide a sufficient number of tilt PTZ zoom cameras to monitor players and dealers at each gaming table and failed to determine card and chip values of winning hands. This is a violation of WAC 230-15-320(4) and WAC-03-085.
- 3) On at least February 12, 2009, and February 13, 2009, the licensee operated four digital video recorders (DVR) that would not copy images to another digital medium. This is a violation of WAC 230-15-295(4).

4) The licensee has the following administrative history:

- a) In December 2008, the licensee received a NOVAS<sup>1</sup> for failing to retain seven days worth of video.
- b) In September 2006, the licensee had administrative charges issued against it for failure to timely report loans received from other than a recognized financial institution within sixty days following the transaction date.
- c) In 2008, the licensee had administrative charges issued against it for failing to timely report a March 2, 2007, \$40,000 loan from other than a recognized financial institution within sixty days following the transaction date.

Therefore, under RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(1) and (3), grounds exist to suspend Ringo's Little Vegas' licenses.

**RCW 9.46.075(1)** provides that the Commission may suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the licensee, or any person with any interest therein:

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control;

**WAC 230-03-085(1)** Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit.

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the licensee's business or organization:

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

**WAC 230-15-320(4)** Surveillance room requirements for house-banked card game licensees. House-banked card game licensees must maintain one or more surveillance rooms. They must:

(4) Ensure that any time a winning wager, a jackpot, or bonus pay out greater than one thousand dollars is won, they use pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras to verify: (a) Winning hands; (b) Amounts of the wager; (c) Amounts of the pay out; and (d) Players who won the prize.

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<sup>1</sup> The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) identifies the violation and gives the recipient the opportunity to pay a fine to settle the matter.

**WAC 230-15-285(1), (2), and (3) Camera and monitor requirements for closed circuit television systems.**

- (1) Class F and house-banked licensees' closed circuit television system must consist of light sensitive cameras capable of permitting the viewer to determine card and chip values. Each video camera must be capable of having the images displayed on a video monitor and recorded.
- (2) Class F and house-banked licensees must install, at least:
  - (a) Cameras in a manner that will prevent them from being obstructed, tampered with, or disabled; and
  - (b) Pan, tilt, zoom (PTZ) cameras behind a smoked dome, one-way mirror, or similar materials that conceal the camera from view; and
  - (c) One or more fixed camera focused over each gambling table, covering the entire table layout.
  - (d) In non house-banked games, an additional fixed camera must focus over the dealer area, covering the chip rack, all drop box openings, and the community card area; and
  - (e) A sufficient number of fixed cameras and/or PTZ cameras to monitor players and dealers at each gambling table. The PTZ cameras must be: (i) Permanently programmed; and (ii) Capable of viewing each patron and dealer at each gambling position at least once every five minutes; and
  - (f) A sufficient number of fixed cameras and/or PTZ cameras in the count area or count room; and
  - (g) Fixed cameras and/or PTZ cameras in any other location deemed necessary.
- (3) In addition, house-banked card game licensees must:
  - (a) Install a sufficient number of video monitors in their CCTV system to simultaneously view multiple gambling tables, the cashier's cage, and count room activities;
  - (b) Install a sufficient number of fixed cameras and/or PTZ cameras in the cage(s); and
  - (c) Install a sufficient number of PTZ cameras having the ability to determine the card and chip values for winning hands.

**WAC 230-15-295(4) Digital Video Digital Recording Requirements.**

- (4) Digital recording, including audio recording where required, using a digital recording and storage system, must: Be capable of copying original images maintaining the original native format.

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III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

The licensee will have the opportunity to have a hearing on the alleged violations.

**In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options**, the enclosed REQUEST FOR HEARING must be COMPLETED AND RETURNED to the Gambling Commission *within 23 days* from the date of the mailing of this notice.

Based on RCW 34.05.440, failure to return this document will result in the entry of a default order SUSPENDING your licenses for 30 days.

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

Rick Day, being duly sworn on oath, says: That he has read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for An Adjudicative Proceeding, knows the contents of it, believes it to be true, that he is the Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, and in that capacity has executed said Notice.

*Rick Day*  
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RICK DAY, DIRECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.

*Michelle M. Pardee*  
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NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of

Washington residing at Lacey  
My Commission expires on June 15, 2009

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009

Communications and Legal Department  
Washington State Gambling Commission

*Margaret Prebell*

