

LIMITING TYPES OF CARD GAMES WITHIN A JURISDICTION

A city or county may prohibit certain types of licensed card games, but allow other forms of licensed card games, as long as the particular form falls within a license type. For ease of reference, listed below are the three types of licenses from which the city or county could choose:

1. **WAC 230-05-020 Subsection (3)** references charitable/nonprofit organizations. This license type includes the following activities:

- Class A General (fee to play charged)
- Class B Limited card games-no poker (fee to play charged)
- Class C Tournament license
- Class D General (no fee to play charged)

2. **WAC 230-05-025 Subsection (1)** references commercial businesses. This license type includes the following activities:

- Class B Limited card games-no poker (fee to play charged)
- Class C Tournament license
- Class D General (no fee charged)
- Class E General (fee to play charged by collecting time at tables)
- Class F General with additional methods of fee collection allowed such as per hand or pot rake. Licensees may utilize player supported jackpot schemes, and may observe increased betting limits. This type of card room was included as part of the enhancement program.

3. **WAC 230-05-025 Subsection (2)** also references commercial businesses. It authorizes the following activity:

House-banked card games may be played in addition to the types of card games and method of fee collection listed above in Subsection (1). House-banked games are described as blackjack and other similar games played against the house instead of against other players, as is done in the game of poker.

The city or county may prohibit all activities in one, two, or all three of the license types listed above. The Gambling Commission will continue to issue licenses for those types listed above which have not been prohibited.

Prohibition of any type of licensed card room will not affect the ability of nonprofit organizations to offer unlicensed, members-only card games authorized by statute in RCW 9.46.0351.