

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

CLASS 4 AND TAB GAMBLING VENUE POLICY

Introduction

Under section 101 of the Gambling Act 2003 Council is required to adopt a policy to regulate the growth and location of Class 4 (non-casino electronic gaming machines) and Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) gambling within their district.

The areas where Council has authority to control are:

- To determine whether new class 4 and or TAB venues may be established within the district and if so to determine any restrictions to be placed on those locations; and
- If Class 4 venues are permitted in the district, to determine the maximum number of machines that may be in each venue, subject to statutory maxima.

Objectives of the Policy

- ensure the Council and the community has influence over the provision of new gambling venues in the district;
- To control and manage the growth of gambling in the district;
- To allow those who wish to participate in electronic gaming machine and totalisator (TAB) gambling to do so within the district;
- To prevent and minimise the harm caused by gambling;
- To create an information flow so that the ongoing effects of gambling in the district may be assessed.

Strategic Alignment

- This policy assists in the delivery of the following Council outcomes and goals:
- Protects the interests of the District and its community;
- Is cost effective and achieves the regulatory objectives; and
- Enables our community to comply with national and local legislation because they are well understood and easy to comply with.

Location of Class 4 Gambling or TAB Venues

Class 4 gambling and TAB venues may be established in the district subject to meeting the following criteria:

a) A full application is submitted and fees paid;

OPTION ONE:

b) Proposed new venues must not be established in any residential zone and

a)c) Proposed and existing venues are not located within 50metres of or adjacent to any school, early childhood centre, kindergarten, place of worship or other community facility. The applicant will be required to demonstrate that the proposed venue will not adversely impact on such institutions;

b)d) Not being located so as to provide for a concentration of gambling venues;

e)e) Not being a venue at which the primary activity is associated with family or children's activities;

- d)f) The electronic gaming machines being located within the venue must not be visible from the street, or visible to underage patrons at the venue; and
- e)g) No signage regarding either the provision of gaming machines or any prizes or jackpots available from gaming machines may be visible from any street or public place.

Maximum numbers of Electronic Gaming Machines permitted

- New venues may be allowed a maximum of 9 (nine) electronic gaming machines.
- Venues with licenses issued after 17 October 2001 and operating fewer than 9 (nine) electronic gaming machines may be allowed to increase the number of machines operated at the venue to 9.

OPTION THREE:

- A sinking lid will apply, no new premises will be approved licences for gaming machines (class 4) and machines cannot be transferred if a premises closes.

Primary activity of class 4 gambling premises

New Class 4 gambling venues may only be established where the primary activity of the venue is:

- The sale and supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises as licensed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Information Disclosure

To provide information to enable Council to monitor activities at Class 4 gambling venues, each society operating electronic gaming machines in the Queenstown Lakes District shall provide the following information to the Council for each venue operated in the district:

Net expenditure (being the difference between money paid into and paid out as winnings from electronic gaming machines);

- Site fees paid to the site operator; and
- A copy of the responsible gambling policy in place at the venue.

In addition, each society shall provide information to the Council on the grants made by it directly to organisations within the Queenstown Lakes District including:

- The name and address of the organisation;
- The purposes for which the donation was made; and
- The amount of each donation made.

Information is to be provided to Council for each six-month period ending 30 June and 31 December each year. The information is to be provided to the Council within 2 months of the end of each reporting period, 31 August and 28 February.

Applications

Applications for consent by the Queenstown Lakes District Council must be made on the approved form and must provide:

- Name and address details for the application;
- Physical address of premises proposed for the Class 4 venue;
- The names of management staff;
- Evidence that public notice of the intention to apply for a new venue (for either Class 4 or TAB venues) or an increase in electronic gaming machine numbers (for Class 4 venues) at an existing venue has been given;

- Evidence of police approval for owners and managers of the venue;
- Evidence that the primary purpose of the proposed venue complies with this policy;
- Evidence of the means by which the policy in respect of separation of gambling from non-gambling areas will be achieved; and
- A copy of the current alcohol on-licence for the premises.

Application Fees

These will be set by the Queenstown Lakes District Council from time to time and shall include consideration of:

- The cost of processing the application, including any consultation and hearings involved;
- The cost of triennially reviewing the Class 4 gambling and TAB venue policy;
- A contribution towards the cost of triennial assessments of the economic and social impact of gambling in the Queenstown Lakes District.

Public Notice Provisions

Public notice of the intention to make application under this policy shall be made by placing notices in either the Southland Times or the Otago Daily Times on two consecutive Saturday editions. A similar notice shall be placed in at least two local newspapers that are delivered in the area surrounding the applicant venue over two consecutive weeks. If there are not two local newspapers circulated in the surrounding area then the notice shall be placed in both the Southland Times and Otago Daily Times and the one local newspaper.

The notice shall specify:

- The name of the society making the application;
- The physical location of the venue or proposed venue;
- The trading name of the venue or proposed venue;
- The number of electronic gaming machines that are proposed;
- Where the application is for an increase in the number of electronic gaming machines at the venue the notice shall specify the existing number and proposed number of machines;
- That objections to the granting of the application should be made in writing to Council's regulatory contractor and specify the name and address for service;
- The period during which objections may be made, which is twenty one (21) days from the date of first public notice in the Southland Times or Otago Daily Times.

Administration

- Where any public objection is made to the application for a new venue or an increase in the number of machines at a venue under to this policy, then the application will be referred to the XXXX Committee. This Committee will conduct a public hearing into the application that provides for community consultation.

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