

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.16.060, 516.070, AND 5.16.220
OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
THE REGULATION OF CARDROOMS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 5.16.060 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.16.060 Registration permit--Application.

A. Application for the required registration permit shall be made to the county tax collector on forms to be provided by the treasurer. The application shall certify the contents of the application under penalty of perjury, and shall be signed by the applicant.

B. Each and every applicant for a cardroom registration permit shall present himself or herself at the sheriffs office during normal business hours, prior to the beginning of any employment in a cardroom.

C. Each applicant shall:

1. Complete an application and submit it to the sheriffs office;
2. Be fingerprinted for the purpose of completing a criminal background check;
3. Be photographed;
4. Provide any other information that the sheriff may require.

D. The information received by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be treated as confidential, shall not be mixed or included in any criminal history files, and shall be accessible only to the sheriff, his, or her designated representatives, and the licensee of the respective licensed cardroom.

SECTION II

Section 5.16.070 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.16.070 Registration permit--Investigation--Grant or denial.

A. Upon presentation by the applicant of all information required pursuant to Section 5.16.060, the Sheriff shall make an investigation of the applicant, which shall include, but not be limited to, making contact with the Division of Gambling Control of the State Department of Justice. Within twenty-one days after receipt of the above information, the Sheriff shall either grant or deny a registration permit to the applicant. A permit shall not be issued to any person who: (1) would be disqualified based on any of the applicable licensing criteria set forth in California Business and Professions Code Section 19850; (2) has had a previous cardroom license or registration permit revoked for cause by any jurisdiction within the past five years; or (3) has been objected to in writing by the Division of Gambling Control of the State Department of Justice. Applicants denied a permit shall be notified in writing by the Sheriff, or his or her designee, of the reason(s) for such denial.

B. When the Sheriff approves the application of any person for a cardroom registration permit, the Sheriff shall issue such person an identification card, which shall be worn in sight, by the permit holder, according to regulations established by the Sheriff.

SECTION III

Section 5.16.220 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.16.220 Security measures.

All cardrooms shall adopt a written plan, reviewed and approved in advance by the Sheriff, to provide for the safety and security of patrons. In addition, each cardroom shall take the following security measures:

A. The business records, papers, reports, audits, and books of account shall be made available for inspection and copying to the Director of Finance upon reasonable notice by the sheriff.

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B. Any owner, operator or employee of the **cardroom** shall have an affirmative duty to immediately report all crimes occurring on the premises to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff.

SECTION IV

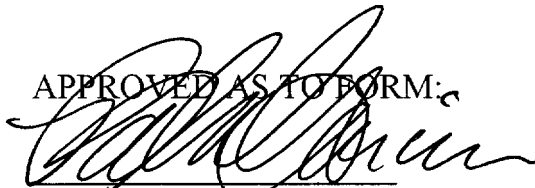
This ordinance shall take effect on the 3 1st day after the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant County Counsel

cc: Treasurer-Tax Collector
Sheriff
CAO