



GAMBLING VENUES POLICY



NAPIER
CITY COUNCIL
Te Kaurihera o Ahuriri

Gambling Venues Policy

Adopted by	Napier City Council on 19 July 2017
Relevant Legislation	Gambling Act 2003 and Racing Act 2003
NCC Documents referenced	Napier District Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Address the cumulative effects that additional opportunities for gambling in the district could present our community
- To curb the growth of gambling in the district
- To minimise the harm to the community caused by gambling
- Control the LOCATION of class 4 gambling and TAB board venues

Definitions

- Class 4 Gambling means gambling that utilises or involves a gaming machine as defined in the Gambling Act 2003
- Club means a voluntary association of persons combined for a purpose other than personal gain
- Gaming Machine means a device whether totally or partly mechanically or electronically operated, that is adapted or designed and constructed for the use in gambling. Also commonly known as 'pokie machines'
- TAB Board Venue means the premises that are owned or leased by the NZ Racing Board where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing or sports betting services.

Policy

1. Total number of venues and machines to be allowed

- New class 4 and TAB board venues may be established, subject to the following conditions:
 - The maximum number of gaming venues in the Napier does not exceed 20;
 - The maximum number of class 4 gaming machines in the Taradale Suburban Commercial Zone does not exceed 3;
 - The total number of Class 4 gaming machines in the Napier District does not exceed 320;
 - The maximum number of TAB board venues will not exceed 2.

2. Number of gaming machines allowed per venue

- The maximum number of gaming machines for Class 4 venues, clubs and TABs shall be the same as allowed under section 92, 93 and 94 of the Gambling Act 2003:

Category	Number of Machines
Licensed on or before 17 October 2001	18
Licensed since 17 October 2001	9

3. Class 4 and TAB board venue relocations

- a. A class 4 gambling licence holder who holds consent from Council to operate in the Napier District may apply for consent to relocate.
- b. A consent to relocate is subject to the conditions provided in the policy and in accordance with section 97A of the Gambling Act:

The maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the new venue at the time when the new class 4 venue licence takes effect is the same as the maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the old venue immediately before the licence relating to the old venue is cancelled.

4. Club Mergers

- a. Upon amalgamation of incorporated clubs operating a class 4 venue, the maximum number of machines of the new entity shall:
 - Where the total number of machines operated by the clubs exceed 30, the maximum shall be 30 gaming machines, or such lesser number determined by resolution of Council.
 - Where the total number of gaming machines operated by the clubs is greater than 17 but less than 31, the max. shall not exceed the amalgamated total.

5. Conditions for Consent

- a. New or relocating venues may only be located within the following zones specified in the Napier City Council District Plan:
 - Inner City Commercial Zone
 - Art Deco Quarter
 - Fringe Commercial Zone
 - Ahuriri Mixed Used Zone
 - Main Industrial Zone
 - West Quay Waterfront
 - Taradale Suburban Commercial Zone (maximum of 3 venues)
- b. Applicants must meet all application, declaration and fee requirements.