

**WSR 24-12-002**  
**PERMANENT RULES**  
**GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: This new rule provides clear language to ensure that adjacent card rooms operate as separate and distinct licensed business premises. Additionally, this rule will be located in chapter 230-03 WAC, which relates to prelicensing procedures, rather than in chapter 230-06 WAC, which details rules for all licenses.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 230-03-182; and repealing WAC 230-06-046.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 9.46.070.

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### OTS-5132.3

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 230-03-182 Additional requirements for nonhouse-banked, Class F, and house-banked card rooms.** (1) The licensed business premises of nonhouse-banked, Class F, and house-banked card rooms may not be adjacent to each other unless:

(a) Each is a fully separate and distinct licensed business premises; and

(b) There is a solid wall, with no internal access, between the two premises; and

(c) Each licensed business premises must operate as an independent commercial stimulant as defined in RCW 9.46.0217.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to nonhouse-banked, Class F, and house-banked card room physical locations that have any of the features listed in subsection (1) of this section and were licensed as of July 1, 2018.

(3) Adjacent card rooms must post signs at each entrance that is accessible by the public to clearly notify customers of the licensed business premises' identity.