

# ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CLASS 4 (GAMING MACHINES)

### GAMBLING VENUE POLICY 2024<sup>1</sup>



#### 1. Objectives of the Policy

- a. To support the purpose and intent of the Gambling Act 2003
- b. To provide for the continued availability of Class 4 Gambling within the Ōtorohanga District in accordance with the purpose and intent of the Gambling Act 2003
- c. To control the growth of Class 4 Gambling Machine ('pokies') numbers within the Ōtorohanga District
- d. To encourage responsible gambling practices and attitudes in Class 4 Gambling Venues.

#### 2. Standards

##### a. No Allocation of Gambling Machines when a Venue Closes

- i. Council will not grant consent for the establishment of any new Class 4 venues or machines under this policy.
- ii. Once a venue ceases to operate, the machine numbers will not be allocated to any new or existing venue.
- iii. All Class 4 Gambling Venues, with the exception of venues that are also Board Venues (TABs), are required to have a current liquor licence. Any liquor licence issued will be compliant with the Council's Local Alcohol Policy.
- iv. A Gambling Venue Consent is for one venue (one premises) and is not transferable to another venue. The consent is given to a venue at a given address, not to a person or business.

##### b. Exceptions

- i. Clubs or businesses that rebuild or relocate may be allowed a maximum of the number of gambling machines approved at the time of closing the former premises
- ii. When clubs or businesses wish to merge physically, they may be allowed to operate the sum of the number of gaming machines specified in all the clubs Class 4 Venue Licences at the time of application, or 18 machines, whichever is the lesser.

#### 3. Primary Activity of Class 4 Gambling Venues

The primary activity of any Class 4 Gambling Venue shall be:

- i. Clubs for sporting activities, or
- ii. Chartered clubs, or
- iii. For the sale of liquor, or the sale of liquor and food for consumption on the premises, or
- iv. For TAB agency outlets.

#### 4. Conditions Applying to all Gambling Venues under this Policy

Requirements applying to all locations:

- i. Gambling machines must not be a primary part of the venues operation
- ii. Gambling machines and/or signage relating to, or prompting gambling, must not be visible from any public place outside of the venue
- iii. The gambling area in a venue shall not have a separate entrance, separate name or otherwise seem to be separate from the primary activity of the venue
- iv. The venue must hold a current on licence or club licence for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises, or be a TAB venue
- v. The principal entrance of any venue premises located outside the CBD areas of Ōtorohanga and Kāwhia shall not be located closer than 100 meters to any residential property, community facility, school or early childcare centre
- vi. The venue premises shall not adjoin within the CBD area, or be within 50 metres of the principal entrance outside of the CBD area, of any other Class 4 Gambling Venue

<sup>1</sup> Reviewed December 2024, no amendments

vii. The venue must meet all application, declaration and fee requirements pertaining to all Class 4 Venue Licence and Consents.

## **5. Applications for Gambling Venue Consent**

Applications for Council Consent, where the application satisfies **Section 2b** above, may be lodged at any time and must include the following information:

- i. Name and contact details for the applicant and the venue operator, including the society name, the venue trading name(s), and any other name(s) related to the venue,
- ii. Venue street address and legal description of the proposed premises for the Class 4 Gambling Venue,
- iii. A locality plan clearly identifying the proposed venue premises in relation to other neighbouring properties and surrounding land use,
- iv. A site plan of the proposed venue premises showing the existing and/or proposed buildings,
- v. A floor plan covering both the gambling and other activities proposed for the venue, including details of each floor of the venue, the location of gambling machines and the location of clocks and windows within the gaming room,
- vi. A declaration with details of how the proposed venue premises complies with Council's Gambling Venue Policy.
- vii. Any applications that does not comply with all aspects of this Policy will require a Public Hearing

Consent for the establishment of a new Class 4 Gambling Venue is subject to the above consideration at the discretion of Council.

## **6. Identification of CBD areas within the Ōtorohanga District**

For the purposes of this policy, the CBD areas of Ōtorohanga and Kāwhia are described below:

All of the areas identified as Ōtorohanga Licensing Precinct and Kāwhia Licensing Precinct which are marked in purple on the maps attached to the Local Alcohol Policy 2016, indexed in Appendix A.

## **7. Application Fee**

The application fee is set by Ōtorohanga District Council and includes consideration of:

- i. The cost of processing the application; and
- ii. The cost of triennially reviewing the Gambling Venues Policy

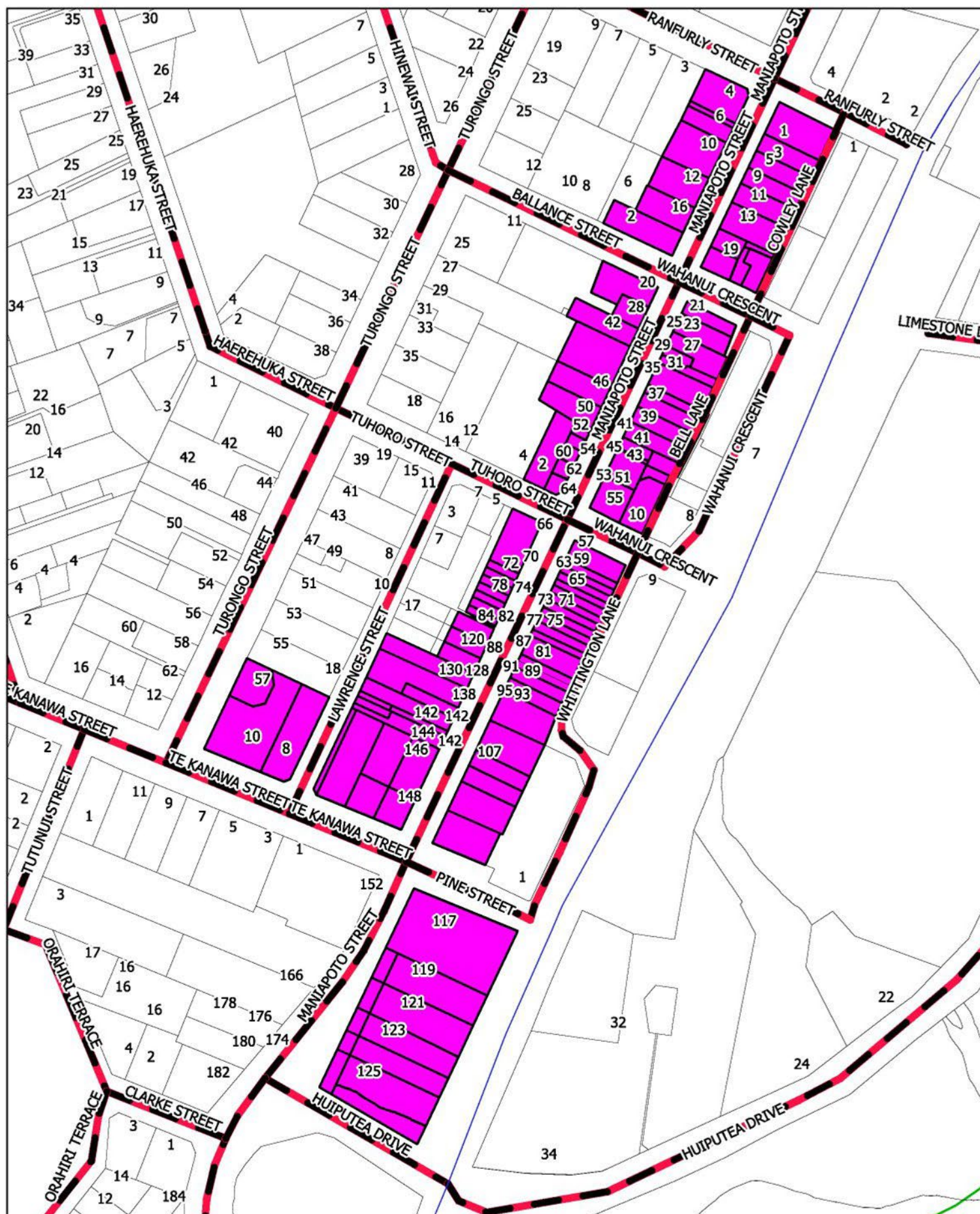
The application fee will be reviewed by Council regularly as part of its Fees and Charges review processes.

## **Attachments**

### **Appendix A Maps**

Ōtorohanga Licensing Precinct

Kāwhia Licensing Precinct



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