

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. Numbers of 'pokie' machines to be allowed – per venue

- i. Any person/s or organisation wishing to establish a new Class 4 Gambling Venue in the Ōtorohanga District is required to obtain the consent of the Council prior to making application for a licence from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)
- ii. A Class 4 Gambling Venue application for Council consent under this policy must satisfy all of the requirements outlined in **Sections 3 to 5**, and provide payment of the correct application fee
- iii. Consent will **not** be given to any venue defined as 'unfit' under Section 4 of the Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Regulations 2004
- iv. 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.
- v. 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 that rebuild or relocate may be allowed a maximum of the number of 'pokies' approved at the time of closing the former premises
- ii. When two or more clubs 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. 'Pokies' must not be a primary part of the venues operation
- ii. 'Pokies' 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
- vii. The venue must meet all application, declaration and fee requirements pertaining to all Class 4 Venue Licence and Consent.

5. Applications for Gambling Venue Consent

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

- i. Name and contact details for the applicant,
- ii. Name and contact details for management staff,
- iii. Venue details, including the trading name, street address and legal description of the proposed premises for the Class 4 Gambling Venue,
- iv. Evidence that the proposed venue premises complies in all respects to the provisions of the Building Act 2004 and the Resource Management Act 1991,
- v. A locality plan clearly identifying the proposed venue premises in relation to other neighbouring properties and surrounding land use,
- vi. A site plan of the proposed venue premises showing the existing and/or proposed buildings,
- vii. 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 'pokies' and the location of clocks and windows within the gaming room,
- viii. Details of how the proposed venue premises complies with Council's Gambling Venue Policy,
- ix. Evidence of the liquor licence(s) applying to the premises,
- x. Documentation outlining the policies and programmes in place for the distribution of funds,
- xi. Documentation outlining the policies in place for Harm Minimisation and Problem Gambler Identification,
- xii. The application fee.

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:

Ōtorohanga

All land between the railway line to the East and Turongo Street to the West, and Ranfurly Street to the North and Te Kanawa Street/Pine Street to the South.

Kāwhia

All the properties fronting Jervois Street, including the corner property occupied by the Kāwhia Hotel, and the property occupied by the Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club.

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.