

## Memorandum

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To: Elizabeth Mursko

From: William C. Griffith

Date: May 21, 2021

Re: Premises Permit Application for North Metro Race Horse and Community Foundation

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### Introduction

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 349 allows lawful gambling for charitable purposes under a Premises Permit. North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC (“Running Aces”) requested amendment of its conditional use permit in 2011 to allow lawful gambling on its property. Since then, it has leased space for operations conducted by Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau.

Running Aces recently entered into a lease with North Metro Racehorse and Community Foundation (“NMRCF”) for certain areas of the property. NMRCF has made application to the State of Minnesota to conduct charitable gambling at Running Aces. The applicant is required to obtain approval of the Premises Permit form the City of Columbus (the “City”) before gaming operations can begin.

### Background

A Certificate of Incorporation was issued by the Minnesota Secretary of State for North Metro Racehorse and Community Foundation on December 28, 2017 for a nonprofit organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A. The Articles of Incorporation set forth the following purpose:

The purpose of this corporation shall be for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualifies as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law. All funds whether income or principal and whether acquired by gifts or contributions, or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

Bylaws of North Metro Racehorse and Community Foundation were approved by the board on March 17, 2021. The Bylaws contain the same purpose statement as the Articles. The Bylaws provide for a board of directors of not fewer than three individuals who are broadly

representative of community interest or possess applicable professional experience or have an express support for the general purposes of the foundation.

The Vision Statement for NMRCF is that the Foundation enhances and amplifies other non-profit organizations and individuals within our community by providing partnership and grant opportunities to deserving organizations. The mission statement for MNRCF states:

The North Metro Racehorse and Community Foundation is a Minnesota based charitable organization dedicating to giving back to communities. We aim to fulfill this mission through a grant application process for area organizations, with the hope that those organizations are filling a need in a myriad of areas in the community. By forging partnerships with other like-minded organizations, we hope to eventually increase the breadth and scope of the positive impact we have on horseracing and on the surrounding communities.

### Discussion

For lawful charitable gaming activities, organizations are required to apply with the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. For those organizations utilizing a specific site for charitable gaming operations, a Premises Permit is required. The Gambling Control Board requires that local governments sign off on Premises Permit applications before the state review occurs. The City may effectively “deny” an organization’s efforts to conduct charitable gaming at a particular location by not signing off on the Premises Permit application.

NMRCF has submitted a copy of its state applications, including its Premises Permit application, to the City for its review. NMRCF has entered into a lease agreement with Running Aces to offer the following charitable gambling opportunities at Running Aces:

1. Pull-Tabs (paper)
2. Pull-Tabs (paper) with dispensing device
3. Bar Bingo
4. Electronic Pull-Tabs
5. Electronic Linked Bingo

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the application materials submitted by NMRCF and find that the applications are complete. The Gambling Control Board will complete its own review of the financial and bond information included in the applications, as well as any required background checks.

The City’s role is to assess whether Running Aces is an appropriate location for this type of activity and to sign the Premises Permit application so that NMRCF can move forward with the state licensing process.

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO LG214**

1. If the premises is leased, attach a copy of your lease. Use **LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity**.
2. \$150 annual premises permit fee, for each permit (non-refundable). Make check payable to "**State of Minnesota**."

**Mail the application and required attachments to:**  
Minnesota Gambling Control Board  
1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South  
Roseville, MN 55113

**Questions?** Call 651-539-1900 and ask for Licensing.

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: North Metro Racehorse & Community Foundation License Number: Pending

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Aaron Bedessem Daytime Phone: 651.925.4587

Gambling Manager: Darlyne Erickson Daytime Phone: 612.430.6995

**GAMBLING PREMISES INFORMATION**

Current name of site where gambling will be conducted: Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack

List any previous names for this location:

Street address where premises is located: 15201 Running Aces Blvd  
(Do not use a P.O. box number or mailing address.)

City: <b>OR</b> Township:	County:	Zip Code:
Columbus	Anoka	55025

Does your organization own the building where the gambling will be conducted?  
 Yes  No **If no, attach LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity.**

A lease is not required if only a raffle will be conducted.

Is any other organization conducting gambling at this site?  Yes  No  Don't know

Note: Bar bingo can only be conducted at a site where another form of lawful gambling is being conducted by the applying organization or another permitted organization. Electronic games can only be conducted at a site where paper pull-tabs are played.

Has your organization previously conducted gambling at this site?  Yes  No  Don't know

**GAMBLING BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION; MUST BE IN MINNESOTA**

Bank Name: Northeast Bank Bank Account Number: 1073279

Bank Street Address: 77 Broadway St. NE City: Minneapolis State: **MN** Zip Code: 55413

**ALL TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT OFF-SITE STORAGE SPACES**

Address (Do not use a P.O. box number):	City:	State:	Zip Code:
_____	_____	<b>MN</b>	_____
_____	_____	<b>MN</b>	_____
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT: APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION**

<p><b>CITY APPROVAL</b>  <b>for a gambling premises</b>  <b>located within city limits</b></p> <p>City Name: <u>Columbus</u></p> <p>Date Approved by City Council: <u>2/28/2015</u></p> <p>Resolution Number: _____          (If none, attach meeting minutes.)</p> <p>Signature of City Personnel: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Title: _____ Date Signed: _____</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><b>Local unit of government must sign.</b></p> </div>	<p><b>COUNTY APPROVAL</b>  <b>for a gambling premises</b>  <b>located in a township</b></p> <p>County Name: _____</p> <p>Date Approved by County Board: _____</p> <p><u>1201</u> Resolution Number: _____          (If none, attach meeting minutes.)</p> <p>Signature of County Personnel: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Title: _____ Date Signed: _____</p> <p>TOWNSHIP NAME: _____</p> <p><b>Complete below only if required by the county.</b>          On behalf of the township, I acknowledge that the organization is applying to conduct gambling activity within the township limits. (A township has no statutory authority to approve or deny an application, per Minnesota Statutes 349.213, Subd. 2.)</p> <p>Print Township Name: _____</p> <p>Signature of Township Officer: _____</p> <p>Title: _____ Date Signed: _____</p>
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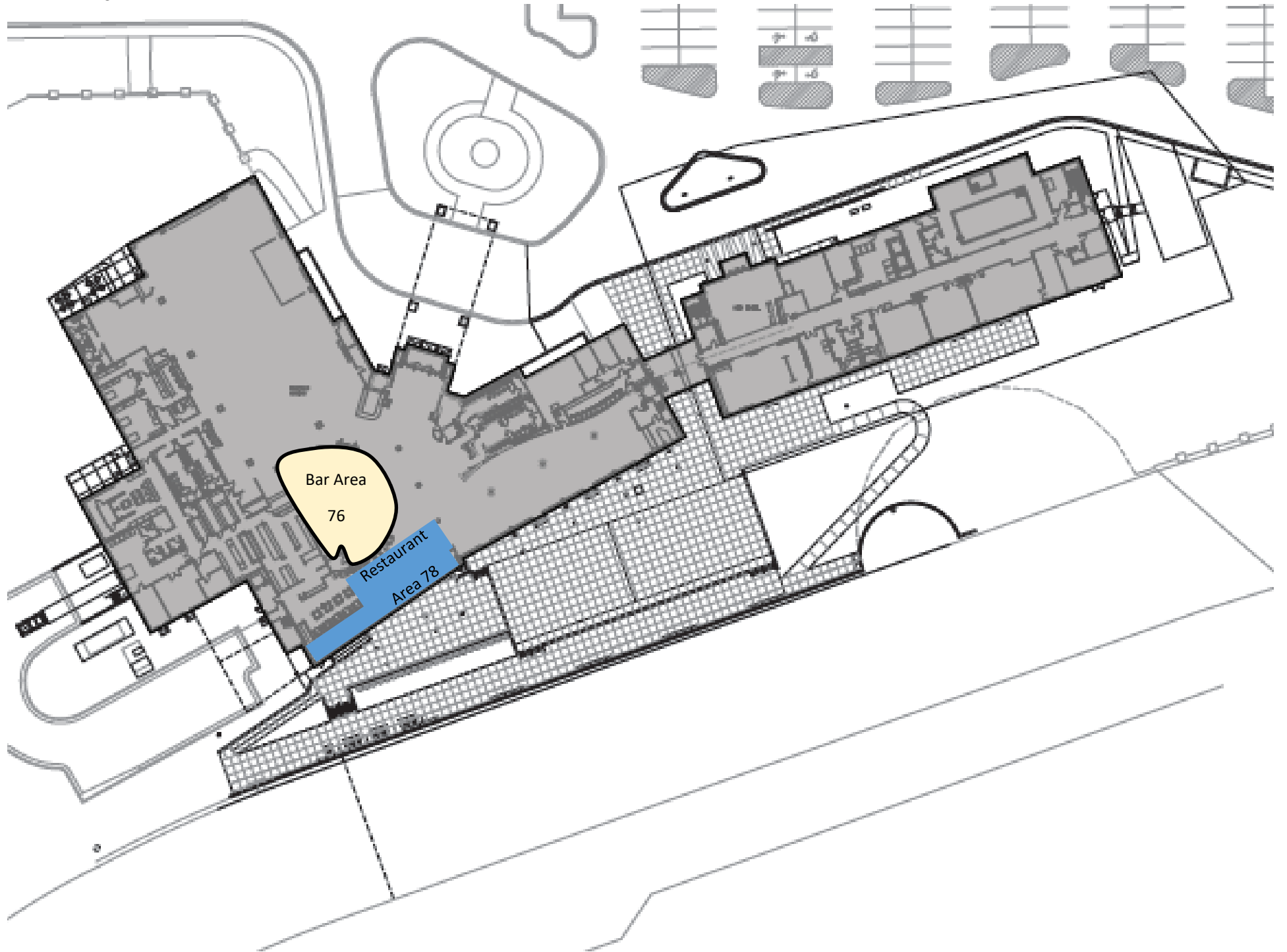
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND OATH**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I hereby consent that local law enforcement officers, the Board or its agents, and the commissioners of revenue or public safety and their agents may enter and inspect the premises.</li> <li>2. The Board and its agents, and the commissioners of revenue and public safety and their agents, are authorized to inspect the bank records of the gambling account whenever necessary to fulfill requirements of current gambling rules and law.</li> <li>3. I have read this application and all information submitted to the Board is true, accurate, and complete.</li> <li>4. All required information has been fully disclosed.</li> <li>5. I am the chief executive officer of the organization.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. I assume full responsibility for the fair and lawful operation of all activities to be conducted.</li> <li>7. I will familiarize myself with the laws of Minnesota governing lawful gambling and rules of the Board and agree, if licensed, to abide by those laws and rules, including amendments to them.</li> <li>8. Any changes in application information will be submitted to the Board no later than ten days after the change has taken effect.</li> <li>9. I understand that failure to provide required information or providing false or misleading information may result in the denial or revocation of the license.</li> <li>10. I understand the fee is non-refundable regardless of license approval/denial.</li> </ol>
<p>Signature of Chief Executive Officer (designee may not sign)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>3-31-2015</u></p> <p>Date</p>

<p>Data privacy notice: The information requested on this form (and any attachments) will be used by the Gambling Control Board (Board) to determine your organization's qualifications to be involved in lawful gambling activities in Minnesota. Your organization has the right to refuse to supply the information; however, if your organization refuses to supply this information, the Board may not be able to determine your organization's qualifications and, as a consequence, may refuse to issue a permit. If your organization supplies the information requested, the Board will be able to process your organization's application. Your organization's name and address will be public</p>	<p>information when received by the Board. All other information provided will be private data about your organization until the Board issues the permit. When the Board issues the permit, all information provided will become public. If the Board does not issue a permit, all information provided remains private, with the exception of your organization's name and address which will remain public. Private data about your organization are available to: Board members, Board staff whose work requires access to the information;</p>	<p>Minnesota's Department of Public Safety, Attorney General, Commissioners of Administration, Minnesota Management &amp; Budget, and Revenue; Legislative Auditor, national and international gambling regulatory agencies; anyone pursuant to court order; other individuals and agencies specifically authorized by state or federal law to have access to the information; individuals and agencies for which law or legal order authorizes a new use or sharing of information after this notice was given; and anyone with your written consent.</p>
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This form will be made available in alternative format, i.e. large print, braille, upon request.

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## City of Columbus Calendar of Meetings

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### May & June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26 4:00–6:00 pm CC Workshop 7:00 pm CC Mtg.	27	28	29
30	31 Holiday – Offices Closed	1 June	2 7:00 pm PC Mtg.	3 6:00 pm Neighborhood Mtg.	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:00 pm CC Mtg.	10	11	12