

County manager weighs-in on future of Stateline casino

To the Douglas County commissioners and community,

The county has received a number of inquiries recently as to whether an adult characterized business would be allowed at the building in Stateline formerly called Bill's Casino, now under new ownership.

The potential proposed use, as we understand it, is an adult interactive cabaret. This use is identified in chapter 5.36 of Douglas County code. In the Tahoe Basin, this type of use is restricted to the Stateline Community Planning Area, which is where Bill's Casino is located. Therefore, this type of business use could be allowed with the proper licensing.

The owner must submit a completed application for a license to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office which completes an investigation and then makes a recommendation to the board as part of a public hearing. At a minimum, the board must consider the following in granting or denying the license:

1. Whether the applicant has complied with all rules and regulations in preparing and submitting the application.
2. The impact the adult characterized business would have on the area in which it is to be located.
3. That locating an adult-characterized business in the selected area will not contribute to blight or reduced property values in the area.
4. The impact the adult characterized business will have on possible criminal activity in that area.

Further, if the owner plans to make changes to the exterior of the structure, the parking area, or signage, the owner must

apply to the county for the proper design review and building permits, as well as, acquire Tahoe Regional Planning Agency approval, if applicable.

County code restricts the display of pictures, graphics, etc., on the exterior of the building, windows, or display areas. In addition, windows must have an opaque covering that prevents viewing into the interior of the building. Lighting is required on the exterior of the building to minimize criminal activity and to provide safety for patrons.

The county has not received a license application to operate an adult cabaret at this location. If we do receive an application, it will go through the process identified above.

The county will not speculate about the outcome of any matter that may or may not come before the Board for a decision.

Please contact me at (775) 782.9821 if you have any questions. Have a great day.

Michael Brown, Douglas County manager