

To Whom It May Concern:

I have played in many Social Gaming Rooms in Portland, Oregon for the past 5 years. I've mostly played at Portland Meadows. Portland Meadows is daily not compliant with the Social Gaming Law for the City of Portland. They do not follow the \$1 max per player per hand and the games they operate are a full on cash game like you play at a casino. Most of their cash games are minimum buy-in of \$200 up to a max buy-in of \$1,5000.. I can show you pictures of thousands of dollars in cash chips on the tables that you can cash out at anytime; just like in a casino. You can bet any dollar amount any hand in the No Limit games and you can make "Full Pot" bets in the limit games. This is unlawful and the state and federal level and it's also not compliant under the Portland City Code which is not enforced no matter how many times people have complained; including myself. The City of Portland will be facing a potential lawsuit from myself and others as we continue to gather our evidence for future litigation. I have warned the city on several occasions of Portland Meadows being NON-Compliant with their city codes and I was told that they aren't going to follow up or take any complaints until they observe other complaints that I have noticed have not been enforced. It's shocking.

Portland Meadows now charges a \$15 door fee to play in their poker games. I went to Portland Meadows on March 10, March 13, March 14, March 17, March 19, March 22 and other dates and told Brian Sarch (owner) and some of his staff that I refuse to pay \$15 to play poker only. They said I must pay the door fee every time if I want to sit down and play in a social game. Sometimes I left and sometimes I just paid them cash to play poker. They are profiting from the operation of illegal gambling. I've made this complaint and I'm informing the City of Portland again by copying this email to one of their agents.

Please notice the following City Code for Portland, Oregon and I would like to address 14A.70.040 B, D, and G. Please observe those below and I will comment below:

### **14A.70.040 Social Games Authorization Limited.**

A social game between players in a private business, private club, or place of public accommodation is authorized only when each of the following conditions are met:

- A. No house player, house bank, or house odds exist; and
- B. There is no house income from the operation of a social game; and
- C. The game cannot be observed from a public right of way; and
- D. Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted in the room or enclosure where the social game takes place; and
- E. A valid permit issued pursuant to this Chapter is conspicuously displayed in the room or enclosure where the social game takes place; and

**F.** The room or enclosure where the social game takes place is open to free and immediate access by any police officer. Doors leading into the social game room must remain unlocked during all hours of operation; and

**G.** No player shall bet more than \$1 in money or other thing of value in any one game, and the amount awarded the winner of a game shall not exceed \$1 in money or other thing of value multiplied by the number of players in the game.

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In regards to "B": Player's at Portland Meadows must pay a \$15 door fee to play poker which is clearly house income. If you refuse to pay then you can't play poker. They also attempt to call these "door fees" as "Cover Charge" "Membership Fee" "Donation". They attempt to use different words to make it appear "legal". The fact is that it's unlawful and non-compliant with City Code.

In regards to "D", I have personally witnessed poker players under the age of 18 come into the establishment. My nephew who is 17 years old has played there over 50 times this past 6 months has never been carded. I have watched his mostly lose all his money he earns from work and repeat the cycle over and over. He is one example of many who come play under the age of 18.

In regards to "G" where it says "NO player shall bet more than \$1 in money or other thing of value in any one game, and the amount awarded the winner of a game shall not exceed \$1 in money or other thing of value multiplied by the number of players in the game." - This law (city code) is not followed and all clubs are NOT compliant with this City Code. The games I play in the average pot won is usually about \$40 to \$50. Pot size's I have been a part of as well as witnessed range from minimum \$10 to \$2,300 won in a single hand. I've witnessed and played in continuous \$1,000 pots won consecutively repeatedly. Especially late at night as many poker players are intoxicated throwing out cash like it's water. I have watched retired people get taken advantage of and burn through \$1000's of dollars of their retirement. It's scary. Portland Meadows has several Texas Hold'em and Omaha and Mixed Cash Games. The minimum blinds are \$2 and \$5 just to start. If the next player wants in on that had then they have to pay \$5 to call or they can raise to \$25 etc. and the pot gets larger and larger with more value. Portland Meadows cash games violate this city code every single day on every single hand played. We are talking over 100,000 violations if not millions. I've often sat down and bought in for \$300 and then cash out for \$1,400. I've won and lost big both ways. I can handle it, but most people can't and I have witnessed explosive arguments and fights due to loss of money and alcohol.

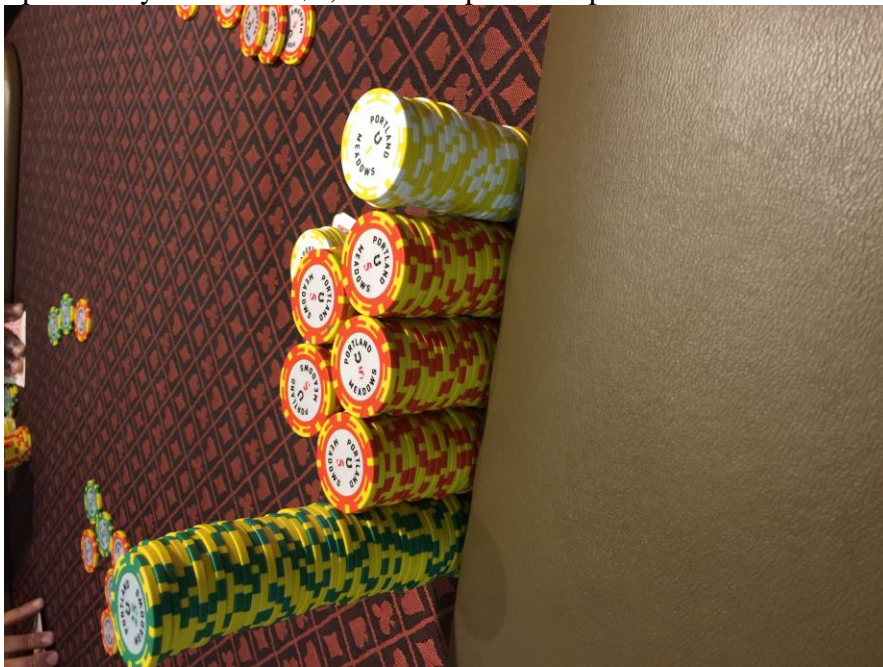
In these cash games you can cash out any time you want. The clubs tell the City they are operating the game as a "shoot out" tournament style with an equity chop. This is a lie. These are full blow cash games and you can cash out anytime and the chips do in fact have cash value for cash payment. In fact Portland Meadows will have a "fake" tournament clock running to make the cash games appear like a tournament just in case regulators from Portland enter. It's clear to me that the "regulators" or "inspectors" do not understand poker and how it operates and

the loop holes clubs go through to deceive the City. Any knowledgeable poker player will quickly figure out the illegal operation that is taking place; but the inspectors are pretty much clueless. The City of Portland allows Portland Meadows to remain NON-Compliant in numerous areas despite complaints and evidence. I hope they take this complaint and email seriously that I am sharing with you as you discuss House Bill 2190.

Furthermore, if you visit [Northwest Poker](#) and join the group, you will see the advertisement of illegal gambling games at Portland Meadows in numerous posts if you scroll down through the Facebook Page. You can see pictures posted of \$1,000 of cash chips on the tables.

The following links will show thousands of dollars in cash chips on the tables at Portland Meadows. Black Chips are worth \$100 cash, Green/Yellow Chips are worth \$25 cash, Red/Yellow Chips are worth \$5 cash, White/Yellow Chips are worth \$1 cash. You do the math from the pictures and you see clearly how many players have over \$1,000 cash in chips. The links may or may not work for you depending whether you have access to the group but I will attach pictures to this email of the unlawful gambling with large dollar amounts as evidence: [Unlawful Gambling March 14](#)

I personally have over \$1,500 in chips in this picture. I can cash them out at any time.



Unlawful Gambling. Average pot size is \$60 here.



Here is a picture of a pot I was playing that a player won over \$1,000 in a single hand. I have alone over \$2,000 in chips. But the pot won by someone else is over \$1,000. This sure violates the city code of where a player can't win more than \$1 per player per had. With 8 people on the table, \$8 should be the legally maximum amount to win according to city code. However, at Portland Meadows it's common every day, nearly hourly in the evenings to win \$1000 pots. Unlawful, non-compliant and the City of Portland allows it to happen daily and by the minute:

The pictures above are just examples of dozens and dozens of pictures that I have. This is unlawful gambling that also is not compliant with the City Ordinance for Portland, Oregon and I am giving you this information as well as providing it to Ann Holm (again) to see if she or her agents will take it seriously.

If you go to these clubs and pay close attention you will also see players go outside and illegally smoke pot on the public premises and I have witnessed players snorting drugs in the bathrooms.

Additionally, the staff at Portland Meadows will continually remind the players to tip the dealers. If you don't ever tip the dealers cash after winning a hand the staff will sometimes tell people to not come back unless they tip the dealers.

Portland Meadows would not let me deal the cards at my table because they have regular "volunteer" dealers who act as staff. However, Portland Meadows tells the state otherwise. These "volunteer" dealers are truly employees who get paid cash "under the table" and are not on the payroll. This is why they strongly encourage us to "tip their dealers" who are "volunteers".

Feel free to send my email to the Revenue Bureau and/or Department of Revenue.

Portland Meadows and the other clubs operate an unlawful gambling operation that is unlawful at the Federal, State level. They are also unlawful at the City level because they are NOT compliant with numerous of the City's Ordinances.

Please accept this email as evidence to Unlawful Gambling in the City of Portland at Portland Meadows and owner Brian Sarchi of Portland Meadows. They should be shut down effective immediately.

Regards,

T. Parker