

ORDINANCE 831

ORDINANCE CONCERNING GAMING

WHEREAS, the 2026 Legislature of the State of Wyoming has before it legislation involving the authorization and licensing of gaming activities, including Historic Horse Racing and simulcasting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mills desires to restrict and regulate the location and operation of such gaming uses so they may occur only in appropriate commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mills Planning and Zoning Commission, on November 6th, 2025, forwarded a DO PASS recommendation of the amendments to Title 17 regarding simulcasting and games; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that gaming uses, including simulcasting and other lawful electronic gaming authorized by the State of Wyoming, should be allowed only as conditional uses in the City's General Commercial (C-1) District and should comply with the standards established in Title 17, Section 45.60;

NOW, THEREFORE, TITLE 17 IS AMENDED TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING:

Section 17.19.20 – Simulcasting and Gaming Establishments

1. To identify where lawful gaming activities may occur and to ensure they are conducted in a manner compatible with surrounding development and community standards.
2. This section applies to any establishment offering lawful gaming or wagering activities authorized by the State of Wyoming, including but not limited to simulcasting, historic horse racing, and electronic gaming.
3. Gaming establishments shall be permitted only as a conditional use in designated commercial districts, subject to the review and approval procedures contained in Title 17. All proposals shall comply with the location, design, and operational standards established in the City's Land Development Regulations.
4. Location and operational criteria shall include, but are not limited to:
 - Appropriate siting in commercially zoned areas with adequate separation from residential, educational, and civic uses;
 - Design compatibility with adjoining development and compliance with lighting, signage, and parking standards;
 - Operational safeguards such as licensing, security plans, hours of operation, and measures to minimize noise, traffic, and public-safety impacts.
5. Gaming establishments must maintain all required state and local licenses and remain in compliance with the City's conditional-use approval. Failure to comply may result in suspension or revocation of authorization to operate.

Repealer and Severability

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any portion of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

PASSED on 1st reading the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED on 2nd reading the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on 3rd and final reading this _____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor, Leah Juarez

Councilman, Sara McCarthy

Councilman, Cherie Butcher

Councilman, Tim Sutherland

Councilman, Brad Neumiller

ATTEST:

City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Osborn, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City of Mills at a public meeting held on October 14, 2025, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the record of the City of Mills.

Sarah Osborn
City Clerk