

REGULATION OF SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES

On June 14, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance to regulate simulated gambling devices in Leon County. The ordinance became effective on June 15, 2011, and establishes a commencement date of September 1, 2011. The regulations established by this new ordinance are applicable countywide, including within the corporate limits of the City of Tallahassee. The initial compliance component of the ordinance requires an applicant to obtain a permit from Leon County authorizing their facility operation. An applicant is generally defined as the operator of a facility that offers utilization of simulated gambling devices to the public, in conjunction with the drawing by chance associated with the sale of a consumer product or service, sweepstakes, or game promotion.

The Simulated Gambling Facility Permit Application, including instructions for completion and submittal, along with the recently adopted Regulation of Simulated Gambling Devices Ordinance (Article XXIII of Chapter 11, Leon County Code of Laws) are available on the Leon County Development Support and Environmental Management website at www.leonpermits.org/Permits/forms/index.asp. All currently operating simulated gambling facilities are required to submit completed applications, including all supporting documentation, by August 15, 2011 to the address noted below to comply with the ordinance. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, application requirements, submittal process, or other compliance related issues, please contact Emma Smith, Director of Permit and Code Services, at (850) 606-1364.

Completed applications should be delivered to:

Leon County Development Support and Environmental Management
Attention: Permit and Code Services – SGD Application
Renaissance Center
435 North Macomb Street, 2nd Floor
Tallahassee, Florida 32301