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## Gambling Action Alert - December 15, 2021



### **City Council Lifts Ban On Sports Betting, Allows Sportsbooks At Or Near Chicago Stadiums [Read](#)**

#### **Sports betting ordinance for Chicago stadiums**

The ordinance, approved by a 19-7 vote of the Zoning and License committees, would allow sportsbooks to be set up at the city's five major sports stadiums – Guaranteed Rate Field, Soldier Field, the United Center, Wintrust Arena, and Wrigley Field – or at a permanent location within five blocks of those arenas.

Sportsbooks would be limited to 15 betting windows per facility, and the city would collect a 2% tax on gross revenues from sports betting – on top of the 15% state tax and 2% Cook County tax.

“We have people worth hundreds of millions of dollars – five of them – arguing with another one who's worth billions of dollars over who gets to continue to make more money, while those neighborhood venues throughout all of our communities have been left in a lurch ever since gambling was allowed to expand in the state of Illinois,” Alderman Lopez said. [Read more](#)

**Related:** The revised ordinance sets an “aspirational” goal for the teams to try to hire minority- and women-owned businesses to work at the venues. It requires teams to report their hiring of companies run by minorities and women as part of their sportsbook business. [Read](#)

#### **Full House chosen for Waukegan casino**

In an interview, Lee said the **temporary casino** – **dubbed The Temporary by American Place** – **would be built in the far end**

of the parking lot for a permanent site, “so customers can get used to going to the location.”

Beynon noted **Full House will also gain access to Illinois’ potential online gaming market, which is under consideration by state lawmakers and gaming regulators.** [Read](#)

**Illinois Gambling Revenue Tops \$1 Billion** [Read](#)

**Hard Rock’s Rockford Casino rakes in \$4.1M**

The casino opened its doors to the public November 10. Of the total gross receipts, the casino will owe \$497,000 in state taxes, with an additional \$249,000 for the Rockford area. [Read](#)

**Gunman robs video gambling parlor in Niles**

A gunman entered Tracy’s at a strip mall at 9:30 a.m. in Niles, demanding cash and treating to shoot everyone. [Read](#)

**Competitive Video Gaming--Opportunity For Online Betting and Wagering**

The eSports gaming industry is being seen by many jurisdictions in the U.S. as another... and a new, revenue for their state's coffers. [Read](#)

***For Immediate Action***

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