



Guidance Regarding Vigo County Casino Applications and Proposals

- On July 16, 2019, the Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) received Majestic Star Casino LLC’s request to relocate gaming operations pursuant to IC 4-33-6-4.5.
- Pursuant to IC 4-33-6.7-1, the Commission *shall* begin accepting applications and proposals for awarding a license to operate an inland casino in Vigo County (emphasis added).
- Interested applicants shall utilize the Commission’s Casino License Application (State Form 46456). The application fee is \$50,000. Current Indiana licensed casino owners must submit the application and fee but may cross-reference to their existing application on file with the Commission.
- Interested applicants shall also submit to the Commission a Vigo County Inland Casino proposal which includes the required information contained within IC 4-33-6.7-3(a). Please be advised that pursuant to IC 4-33-6.7-3(b), submitted proposals will be publicly disclosable documents. As such, confidential material which is not subject to public disclosure laws shall be clearly designated and submitted with the application.
- The deadline for the submission of applications and proposals for the Vigo County casino operation is December 1, 2019.
- After receipt of applications and proposals, the Commission will determine the appropriate date for Commission action at a business meeting.
- Please note: the Commission may not take action on the Vigo County inland casino applications and proposals until: (1) the voters of Vigo County have approved inland casino gambling in the county (*see* IC 4-33-6-19.3(h)); and (2) an owner’s license located in Gary is relinquished pursuant to IC 4-33-6-1(d)(1) (*see* IC 4-33-6-1(d)(4)).
- The relinquishment of an owner’s license located in Gary requires: agreement from the legislative body of the City of Gary, Commission approval, and the first annual payment of \$4 million dollars. *See* generally IC 4-33-6-4.5.
- The Commission is committed to a transparent process for the review and awarding of the Vigo County license. This guidance will be updated as appropriate.
- Questions concerning the application and investigation process can be directed to our Investigations Division and general questions can be directed to our Legal Division, both can be reached at 317-233-0046.