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TO: All Licensees, Enrolled Attorneys and Interested Parties
FROM: Allen Godfrey, Executive Director 
RE: Filming in Gaming Areas

This industry letter replaces and supersedes all prior letters/memos related to the subject matter of Filming in Gaming Areas.

13 Mississippi Administrative Code, Pt.3, Rule 1.1: IN GENERAL;
Rule 1.1 Methods of Operation. (a) It is the policy of the Commission to require that all establishments wherein gaming is conducted in this state be operated in a manner suitable to protect the public health, safety, morals, good order and general welfare of the inhabitants of the State of Mississippi. See also Title 13 Mississippi Administrative Code, Pt. 3 Rule 1.2 (a), (d) & (e)

It is the intent of the MGC to provide a guideline for Licensees to observe before entering into any contracts or contractual obligations with an outside entity or their employees for advertising, marketing or the production of filming or movie making in Gaming Areas of a Licensed Gaming Establishment.

1. Public confidence in any gaming matter should not be influenced negatively based on the material being filmed.
2. No filming should contain live action gaming.
3. All filming should be conducted in a controlled environment and partitioned off to avoid the inadvertent filming of a patron. Proper signage notifying patrons that filming is in progress should be visible.
4. General patronage expects and should receive a certain level of privacy.
5. Associated equipment utilized for live action gaming such as cards, dice, gaming cheques, etc. shall not be utilized during the making of any film/movie. Table game layouts are permissible.
6. It will be the Licensee's responsibility to ensure participants are not on the Mississippi Voluntary Self-Exclusion List and that all participants are 21 years of age or older.
7. Prior notification should be made to the local MGC office under these circumstances

DISCLAIMER: This shall not include news media interviews related to current events.

Questions regarding this industry letter should be directed to the Mississippi Gaming Commission Enforcement Division district offices.

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