

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-20

**CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE ADVANTAGE, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL GAMING-RELATED VENDOR LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 6(C) of the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio Casino Control Commission ("Commission") to ensure the integrity of casino gaming;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.09 prohibits any gaming-related vendor or key employee from conducting or participating in conducting casino gaming without being licensed by the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.10 requires any gaming-related vendor or key employee seeking licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 to establish their suitability by clear and convincing evidence;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.12 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-02 require a gaming-related vendor seeking licensure to submit, under oath, a Gaming-Related Vendor License Application ("Vendor Application");

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.121 and Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 3772-6 authorize the Commission to grant a gaming-related vendor license after the Commission determines that an applicant is eligible for licensure and has paid all applicable fees;

**WHEREAS**, a gaming-related vendor is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Submission of a true and complete Vendor Application, as required by R.C. 3772.10 and 3772.12 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-02;
- (B) Payment of the nonrefundable application fee of \$10,000 and all fees necessary to cover the costs of the background investigation in excess of the application fee, if any, as required by R.C. 3772.121 and 3772.17 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03;
- (C) Submission, on a form provided by the Commission, of two sets of the applicant's fingerprints, as required by R.C. 3772.121, if applicable;
- (D) Reimbursement of the costs for the criminal-records check, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.17, if applicable;
- (E) Not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, as defined and prohibited by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10; and
- (F) Otherwise being suitable for licensure, as required by R.C. 3772.10;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.03 mandates that the Commission adopt rules prescribing the minimum amount of insurance that must be maintained by gaming-related vendors;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Adm.Code 3772-7-01 requires a gaming-related vendor to obtain and maintain the following types of insurance in minimum amounts determined by the Commission:

- (A) Liability;
- (B) Casualty;
- (C) Property;
- (D) Crime;
- (E) Worker's compensation; and
- (F) Any other type of insurance the Commission deems necessary to ensure the licensee is adequately insured;

**WHEREAS**, House Advantage, LLC, submitted a Vendor Application to obtain licensure and paid the nonrefundable application fee;

**WHEREAS**, House Advantage submitted information and materials (summaries of which are attached as Exhibit A) necessary to demonstrate that it has obtained and maintains all of the requisite types of insurance and the amounts of each type;

**WHEREAS**, a key employee is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Being at least 21 years of age, as required by R.C. 3772.13;
- (B) Submission of a true and complete Key Employee License Application ("Key Application"), as required by R.C. 3772.10 and 3772.13 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02;
- (C) Submission, on a form provided by the Commission, of two sets of fingerprints and a photograph, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13;
- (D) Payment of the nonrefundable application fee of \$2,000 and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee, if any, as required by R.C. 3772.13 and 3772.17 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03;
- (E) Reimbursement of the costs for the background check, including the criminal-records check, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13;

- (F) Not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, as defined and prohibited by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10; and
- (G) Otherwise being suitable for licensure, as required by R.C. 3772.10;

**WHEREAS**, the three individuals listed on the attached Exhibit B (“Key Employees”) submitted Key Applications to obtain licensure and their nonrefundable application and criminal-background fees have been paid;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s Division of Licensing and Investigations (“Division”) reviewed the Vendor and Key Applications and other materials and information and conducted thorough suitability investigations of House Advantage and the Key Employees;

**WHEREAS**, the Division has filed a report, dated June 9, 2021, captioned *Investigative Report on the Application of House Advantage, LLC for an Initial Gaming-Related Vendor License* (“Report”);

**WHEREAS**, the Report concludes that the Division’s investigations did not uncover any material derogatory information that adversely impacts the suitability of House Advantage or the Key Employees and that House Advantage and the Key Employees are eligible for licensure;

**WHEREAS**, based on this conclusion, the Division recommends that the Commission grant House Advantage’s and the Key Employees’ licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has reviewed the Report and considered the matter at its public meeting on June 16, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission that House Advantage’s types and minimum amounts of insurance are **APPROVED**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that House Advantage and the Key Employees are **SUITABLE** and **ELIGIBLE** for licensure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that House Advantage’s Vendor Application is **APPROVED** and its gaming-related vendor license is **GRANTED** for a period not to exceed three years, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder and the following conditions:

- (1) House Advantage must report to the Commission any changes to their management, ownership, stockholdings, or voting or proxy agreement, as applicable;
- (2) House Advantage must report to the Commission any loans, debt incurred, or any other significant financial matters;

- (3) House Advantage must pay all fees required by the Commission, including the following:
  - (A) Any cost of the background investigation that exceeded the application fee; and
  - (B) A nonrefundable license fee of \$15,000; and
- (4) House Advantage's Compliance Committee must notify the Commission's Executive Director no later than 30 days from when the Committee conducts any due diligence efforts, takes any action, or makes any recommendations concerning current or future business.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Key Applications are **APPROVED** and the Key Employees' licenses are **GRANTED** for a period not to exceed three years, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder, including payment of the following fees, which are required by R.C. 3772.17 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03:

- (A) The cost of the background investigation that exceeded the application and criminal-background fees, if any; and
- (B) A nonrefundable license fee of \$500.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2021-20 does not in any way affect, negate, or otherwise absolve House Advantage or the Key Employees from their duties to update information in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-04 and 3772-5-04, as applicable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2021-20 does not restrict or limit the Commission's future exercise of authority and discretion with respect to imposing additional conditions or taking further action upon House Advantage or the Key Employees under R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder.

Adopted: June 16, 2021

**Exhibit A**  
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**House Advantage, LLC**

Types of Insurance Policies

Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000
Umbrella Liability	\$8,000,000
Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000
Blanket, Special (including theft), Replacement Cost (Property/Crime)	\$330,625
Blanket, Business Income with Extra Expense (Property)	\$1,000,000

**Exhibit B**

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