

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING COWBOY RACING, LLC TO CONDUCT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING ON LIVE HORSE RACING, HISTORIC HORSE RACING AND SIMULCAST EVENTS AT 1720 CLEVELAND AVENUE, CHEYENNE WYOMING

WHEREAS the Wyoming State Legislature passed and the Governor of the State of Wyoming signed into law changes to Wyoming Statutes, Title 11, Chapter 25, to permit pari-mutuel wagering on historic races; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Gaming Commission has adopted rules and regulations regulating pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast events, including historic races; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy Racing, LLC currently holds the necessary and appropriate permits issued by the Wyoming Gaming Commission to operate simulcasting facilities, historic horse racing, and live horse racing in the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners recognize the economic benefits to Laramie County through live horse racing, historic horse racing, and simulcasting within Laramie County; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners recognize that it is through revenue derived from simulcasting and historic horse race wagering at locations off the permitted live horse racetrack premises that allows a live horse racing operator to conduct the live racing days required under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 11-25-104(m) and Wyoming Gaming Commission Pari-Mutuel Rules and Regulations, Chapter 10, § 3 within the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy Racing, LLC is a live horse racing operator that is both (i) licensed to conduct the minimum live race days required under Wyo. Stat. Ann § 11-25-104(m) and Chapter 10 of the Pari-Mutuel Rules and Regulation of the Wyoming Gaming Commission within Laramie County on an annual basis and (ii) is conducting said live horse racing pursuant to Statute and Rules in Laramie County (excepting days that are cancelled for good cause due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances); and

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 11-25-102(a)(vii)(B) provides that “simulcasting may be conducted off the permitted premises only if the board of county commissioners of the county in which such simulcasting will be conducted grant [grants] its approval”; and

WHEREAS, said requested premises is located at 1720 Cleveland Avenue, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 11-25-102(a)(vii)(B), Rules of the Wyoming Gaming Commission, Pari-Mutuel, Chapter 10, § 3(d) and in accord with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 11-25-201(a) the Board of Commissioners hereby approves Cowboy Racing, LLC to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on historic horse racing and simulcast events at 1720 Cleveland Avenue, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming 82001.

PRESENTED, READ, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING

Troy Thompson, Chairman
Laramie County Commission

Debra Lee
Laramie County Clerk

RECEIVED AND APPROVED AS
TO THE BOARD OF THE
LARAMIE COUNTY ATTORNEY





COWBOY RACING, LLC

**APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING
MATERIALS FOR NEW OTB LOCATION AT**

**Fire Station
1720 Cleveland Ave
Cheyenne, WY 82009**



INTRODUCTION

Thunder Plains Park (TPP) is a new horse-racing track under development by Cowboy Racing, LLC (Cowboy Racing), a partnership consisting of local developers Edwards Development and nationally leading racetrack operator 1/ST Racing and Gaming, a wholly owned subdivision of The Stronach Group. The new track is under construction about 8 miles east of Cheyenne center, north of 1-80 at CR 140.

The Wyoming Gaming Commission (WGC) on November 21st granted Cowboy Racing a license to operate live racing at TPP beginning in the summer of 2025. Additionally, WGC granted a parimutuel simulcasting license to Cowboy Racing, which authorizes the operation of off-track betting at facilities (OTBs) in Wyoming subject to county approval of the locations. The OTBs will offer live simulcast wagering and Historical Horse Racing machines. This application requests authorization and approval by the Laramie County Commission. Supporting materials are attached.

Cowboy Racing's mission is to create a world-class, state-of-the-art racetrack and equestrian center and develop 300+ acres into a regional recreational destination. We are doing this for the horsemen and women, the equine athletes, the jockeys, the breeders, owners, trainers, and all the people who support horse racing in Wyoming. We are assembling a team of industry experts and track specialists to utilize the most up-to-date technology and engineering to build the first full-size racetrack in Wyoming with safety as the highest priority.

The Stronach Group is a world-class technology, entertainment and real estate development company with Thoroughbred racing and pari-mutuel wagering at the core. The Stronach Group's 1/ST business (pronounced "First") is North America's preeminent Thoroughbred racing and pari-mutuel wagering company and includes the **1/ST RACING & GAMING**, 1/ST CONTENT, 1/ST TECHNOLOGY and 1/ST EXPERIENCE businesses, while advocating for and driving the 1/ST HORSE CARE mission. 1/ST represents The Stronach Group's continued movement toward redefining Thoroughbred racing and the ecosystem that drives it. 1/ST RACING & GAMING drives the best-in-class racing operations and gaming offerings at the company's premier racetracks and training centers including Santa Anita Park and San Luis Rey Downs Training Center (California); Gulfstream Park, home of the Pegasus World Cup Championship Invitational Series, and the Palm Meadows Thoroughbred Training Center (Florida); and the Maryland Jockey Club at Laurel Park, Rosecroft Raceway, Bowie Training Center, and Pimlico Race Course, home of the legendary Preakness Stakes (Maryland).

All required occupational licenses for individual personnel are being processed by WGC and are a prerequisite for operating the OTB facility. Please see attachments illustrating the location site map, and other elements relevant to the application.



BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY FOR OFF TRACK BETTING AT FIRE STATION

The following information is provided pursuant to direction from Laramie County staff and otherwise complies with Wyoming Gaming Commission Rules for the issuance of the license/permit, as detailed in Chapter 10 Simulcasting, Section 3, subsection (c)(i)(A-H)(i-iii).

1. This facility is a retired fire station, once operated by the City of Cheyenne Fire Department and constructed in 1981. It was one of the two oldest operating fire stations in the city until a city sales tax funded the construction of a new fire station, which opened in 2022. The name "Fire Station" is a temporary moniker, as the business name has not yet been finalized.
2. This facility is in design stages for a renovation that would utilize the main floor spaces, including the garage floor, as a primary gaming floor, and would renovate the existing back offices to house the centralized control aspects of Cowboy Racing's operations. Surveillance, some administrative offices and potentially a repair bench would be located at this facility.
3. F&B operations will be developed for this facility with a limited menu.
4. The facility will be open seven days a week. Operating hours are expected to be Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. See Firehouse floor plan below.
5. Live simulcasting will be displayed seven days a week from as many as 10 tracks a day. The tracks to be simulcast will be authorized by the WGC.
6. The simulcast facility will also house up to 115 Historic Horse Racing terminals for authorized use. Specific games and titles will be authorized by the WGC upon application, prior to operations.
7. Wagers offered at the OTB include all parimutuel pools hosted and commingled by the Host of the approved simulcast; any parimutuel roping or rodeo or parimutuel sports approved by the WGC; and wagers on HHR machines approved by the WGC.
8. The attendance in the simulcast and HHR area is expected to average 150 customers a day. Cowboy Racing will market to local and surrounding areas, including western Nebraska and northern Colorado.
9. The expected average daily handle through the simulcast operation is approximately \$1,000. The expected average daily handle through the HHR operation is \$160,000.
10. Cowboy Racing anticipates revenues from F&B operations to be approximately \$1,200/day.
11. The cost of operating the facility will be primarily the new labor to be hired, the costs of the services to produce simulcasting and manage the HHR floor, advertising and security. We estimate \$3.0 million in annual costs.



12. The on-site security staff will oversee and manage the HHR floor security during all operating hours. Centralized security surveillance will also occur at this facility, whereby all available security cameras can be viewed by a central dispatch office that can communicate with the network of staff at these facilities. Surveillance cameras will cover the entirety of the HHR operation, including back of house areas.
13. Floor staff will assist customers with machine operation, and voucher cashing will primarily be served by automated redemption machines that dispense cash.
14. Cowboy Racing has contracted, or will, with AmTote for all parimutuel wagering services; Roberts Communications Network for the wide area network and communications circuits to tote hubs and for incoming simulcasting signals; and HHR vendors PariMAX, Exacta, and Ainsworth to supply hardware and game cabinets for the HHR operation.
15. The desired opening date will be March 31, 2025.

BENEFITS TO LARAMIE COUNTY

1. 1% of HHR handle is shared equally by the city in which the OTB operates and Laramie County. This facility is expected to generate \$600,000 to be split equally between the City of Cheyenne and Laramie County.
2. Cowboy Racing expects to hire 46 people to service this location. Those jobs will consist of customer service representatives, security personnel, accounting staff, management staff, and IT technicians. Other jobs related to the development and opening of this enterprise include advertising and printing services, HVAC and electrical contractors, plumbing and carpentry, landscaping and cleaning staff.
3. The proceeds from this facility will accrue to the benefit of Thunder Plains Park, which will conduct live racing each summer at the new facility. Purse revenues from the OTB operations will fuel the racing activity at the track. This results in an economic ripple effect in the community, including but not limited to, added agricultural jobs, sales receipts, tax revenue, tourist traffic, local business growth to service the track and the hundreds of people required to operate the track and care for the horses. (Note: the State of Wyoming is conducting a statewide economic impact and market viability study of Historical Horse Racing to be published in November 2025.)
4. The development of OTB and HHR facilities in Laramie County that benefit TPP are an integral factor in the success of the racetrack, which will multiply those financial benefits to the county and its residents.
5. The added entertainment services provided at the Fire Station facility will strengthen that business and increase the value of its contribution to the city and county without disruption to adjacent businesses and may also increase customer activity for nearby businesses.



FIRE STATION FLOOR PLAN

INTERIOR WINDOW		
JAMB	STUD SECTION	2 x 600J250-33, 50 KSJ
HEADER	H. CLOSURE	2 x 600T125-33, 50 KSJ
	V. STUD	4 x 250S138-56ml, 50 KSJ
	V. TRACK	4 x 250T125-5A, 50 KSJ
SILL	TRACK SECTION	1 x 600T125-33, 50 KSJ
INTERIOR DOOR		
JAMB	STUD SECTION	2 x 600J250-43, 50KSJ
HEADER	H. CLOSURE	2 x 600T125-43ml, 50 KSJ
	V. STUD	2 x 600S250-97ml, 50 KSJ
	V. TRACK	2 x 600T125-97, 50 KSJ

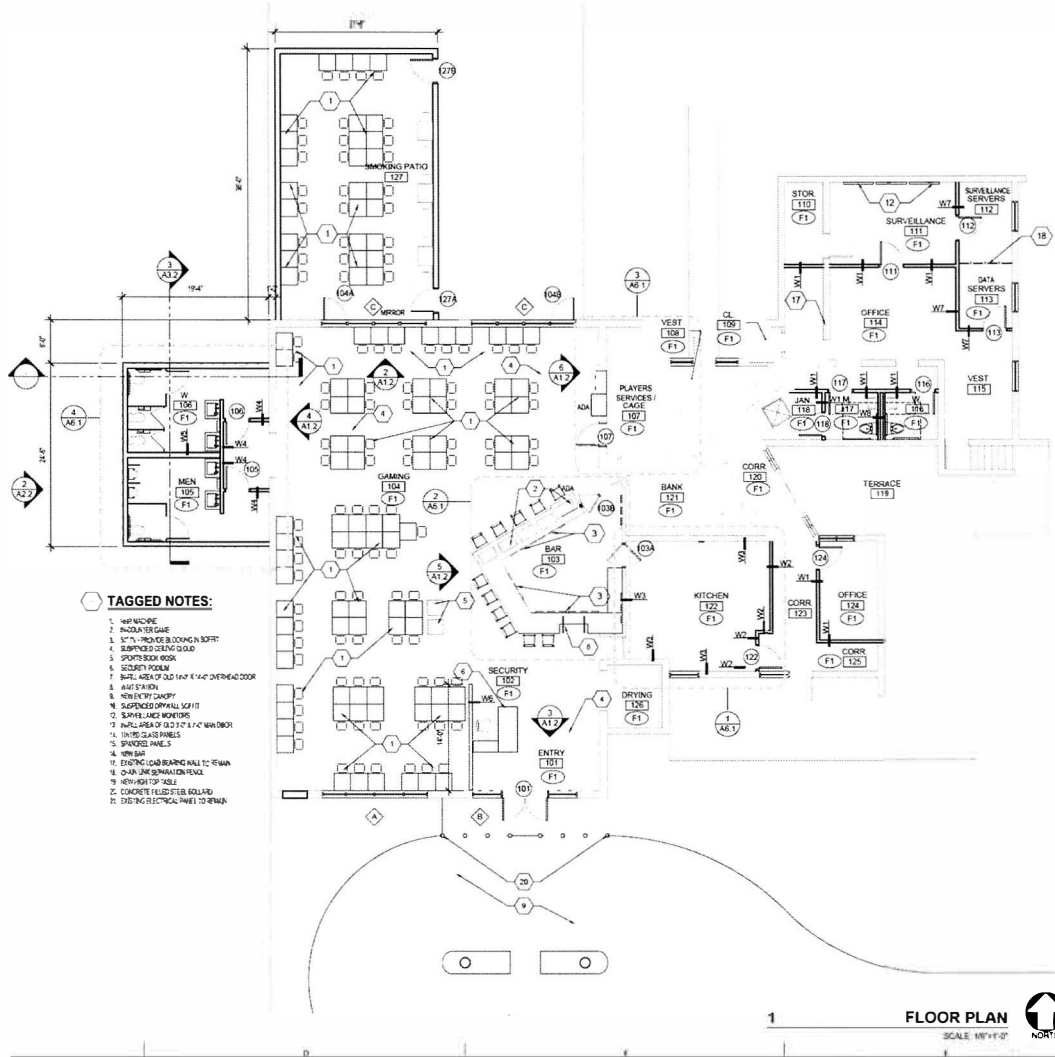
LIGHT GAUGE HEADER SCHEDULE			
OPENING WIDTH	HEADER SIZE	HEADER FASTENERS	# OF JACK STUDS
0 TO 3'-0"	(2) 800S162-43	(8) #10 S.D. SCREWS	1
3'-1" TO 4'-0"	(2) 800S162-66	(8) #10 S.D. SCREWS	1
4'-1" TO 5'-0"	(2) 800S162-43	(8) #10 S.D. SCREWS	2
5'-1" TO 6'-0"	(2) 800S162-66	(8) #10 S.D. SCREWS	2
6'-1" TO 7'-0"	(2) 1000S200-97	(10) #12 S.D. SCREWS	2
7'-1" TO 8'-0"	(2) 1000S200-97	(12) #12 S.D. SCREWS	2

ALL JAMB & JACK STUDS SHALL BE 54 MSL (15 GA) MINIM V WITH A MINIMUM 2" FLANGE. DEPTH SHALL MATCH TYPICAL STUD SIZE.

INTERIOR FINISHES: BASIS OF DESIGN

SYNTHETIC WOOD FLOOR: JOHNSONITE 10 INSPIRATION 16
 CERAMIC TILE: DALLE FABRIC ART 12x24 FLOOR, WALL & BASE
 SPORTS COURT FLOOR: 3/4" PLY WITH 3/4" FOMU BACKING PRODUCT TBD BY OWNER. 10961
 WOOD BASE: 6" PINE, STAINED
 PAINTING: THERE WILL BE 4 WALL COLORS AND 2 ADJACENT COLORS. WALL ASS. CURRENT WILL OCCUR DURING SHOP SUBMITTALS FROM PAINTING SUBCONTRACTOR.

- GENERAL PLAN NOTES:**
- INTERIOR DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF STUD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
 - ALL FRAMING SHOWN FOR DEMOLITION AND IMPROVED PLAN ARE NOM. DIMENSIONS. 4" NOMINAL WOOD OR METAL STUD FRAMING @ 16" IS BASIS OF DESIGN.
 - FURNITURE IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND IS NOT IN CONTRACT. DIMENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDING WALL ARE TO FACE OF EXISTING WALL.
 - ALL INTERIOR DOORS ARE NOMINAL 30"x6" SOLID CORE WOOD DOORS WITH HOLD OR METAL FRAMES. DOORS ARE STAINED, PRE-FINISHED.
 - INTERIOR DOOR HAMBOWERS SHALL BE SCHEDULE AL, GRADE 2 LEVEL TYPE WITH PASSAGE SET.
 - WHERE EXISTING WALLS ARE AFFECTED BY DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR SPINDLE & REPAIR FOR SMOOTH AND UNIFORM APPEARANCE.
 - PROVIDE DUST AND DIRT PROTECTION FOR THE AREAS OF THE BUILDING STILL OCCUPYING DURING RENOVATION. PROJECT HVAC RETURN AIR FROM DUST ASSOCIATED WITH RENOVATION. APPLY 1/4" GIBB OR DIME COAT ON ALL EXISTING WALLS AS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A SMOOTH FINISH.
 - EACH SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL CLEAN UP DAILY.
 - SEE SPECIFICATIONS SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
 - SEE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT LAYOUT.



- TAGGED NOTES:**
- HIP ROOF
 - ROOF RISE 1/4"
 - 5/8" PROVIDE 20" MIN. RISE
 - SUPPLY DRAINING GULLY
 - SPORTS COURT FLOOR
 - SECURITY ROOM
 - BUILT AREA OF OLD 16' x 14' OVERHEAD DOOR
 - ARETATION
 - NEW ENTRY CANNOPY
 - SURVEILLANCE WALL MOUNT
 - SURVEILLANCE MONITORS
 - INSTALL AREA OF OLD 17' x 7' WINDOW
 - INTERIOR GLASS PANELS
 - SPANDREL PANELS
 - NEW BAR
 - EXISTING LOAD BEARING WALL TO REMAIN
 - CHAIN LINK SURROUNDING FENCE
 - NEW ROOF TOP SILL
 - CONCRETE FILL/STEEL BOLLARD
 - EXISTING ELECTRICAL PANEL TO REMAIN

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FLOOR PLAN
COWBOY RACING HHR FACILITY
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FIRE STATION LOCATION MAP





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Wyoming Gaming Commission

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Executive Director
Nicholas A. Larramendy

Date: November 25, 2024

To: Cowboy Racing, LLC. (Permittee)

From: Nicholas Larramendy, Executive Director

On November 22, 2024, the Wyoming Gaming Commission awarded Cowboy Racing, LLC. Live Racing and Simulcast Wagering Permits to include wagering on Historic Horse Racing for 2025. The permit numbers below are for the calendar year 2025

Live Racing Permit number: 25A-1206-25

Simulcast Permit number: 25B-1206-25

The hard copy of the permit will be forth coming. These hard copies are required to be posted in each location visible to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Larramendy".

Nicholas A. Larramendy
Executive Director, Wyoming Gaming Commission