

# Category 3 Operator License Applications

## FACILITY PROXIMITY REVIEW

for the



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## Issue

*Statute 4 Pa.C.S. §1305*

*“facilities located in Pennsylvania that could qualify for a Category 3 gaming operator’s license cannot be located within 15 linear miles of any other licensed slot machine casino”*



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# 15 linear miles

## Straight line distance between facilities

- Two closest points on property boundaries
- Front entrance to front entrance
- Two closest points on gaming floors
- Two closest points on buildings housing the gaming floor
- Primary roadway entrance to primary roadway entrance



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# 15 linear miles

## Proposed alternate definition

- optimum driving distance



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# Methodology

- All measurements on Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System
- Topographic mapping from the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access website
- Current aerial photography
- Overlaid onto the state plane coordinate system.
- Land development or site plans
  - used to locate field shots and scale points not field accessible

# Methodology

- Global positioning and robotic instrument equipment
- Driving distance - CE Palace
  - driving to and from Majestic Star with global positioning every second



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# Calculations

- Northing and Easting coordinates for sites at each location
- Distances calculated
  - $\sqrt{(\Delta\text{Northing})^2 + (\Delta\text{Easting})^2}$



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# Results – CE Palace

## To Majestic Star

- Two closest points on property boundaries 13.6 miles
- Front entrance to front entrance 13.8 miles
- Two closest points on gaming floors 13.8 miles
- Two closest points on buildings housing gaming floor 13.8 miles
- Primary roadway entrance to primary roadway entrance 13.8 miles
- Optimum driving distance (measured) 15.9 miles



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## Conclusion – CE Palace

Using straight line measurements on the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, CE Palace is less than fifteen miles away from the Majestic Star Casino in Pittsburgh using all measured criteria. However, if using driving distance as the criteria, they are more than fifteen miles apart.



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