

Amherst County Board of Supervisors County Resolution No. 2021-0022-R

For consideration on September 7, 2021

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2021-0022-R

A resolution of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors supporting Rosie's Gaming Emporium.

Approved as to form and legality by the Amherst County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses support of Rosie's Gambling Emporium, as follows:

WHEREAS, Colonial Downs Group has announced they plan to invest \$40 million in Amherst County without requesting or accepting any tax credits or incentives; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Downs Group has made a \$300 million investment in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The company pays more than \$32 million in annual state and local taxes plus an additional \$12 million in racing industry payments annually; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Downs Group is a proud business operator in Virginia, employing more than 1,000 team members in the Commonwealth and paying over \$30 million in annual salaries, wages, and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Rosie 's Gaming Emporiums in Richmond, Hampton, New Kent, Vinton, Henry County and Dumfries offer innovative historic horseracing (HHR) gaming technology and full card simulcasting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 150 gaming machine Emporium is expected to bring entertainment for citizens and visitors to Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, the new general tax revenues are estimated to be around \$800,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Gaming Emporium would create at least 100 jobs with the average compensation package totaling \$47,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Rosie's Gives Back program has made direct monetary and inkind donations of more than \$1.3 million while logging over 2,500 service hours in local communities across Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors recognizes the benefits of the Gaming Emporium for Amherst County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors support the proposed Rosie's Gaming Emporium.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Member	Vote
Jennifer R. Moore, Chair	ABSENT
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair	ABSTAIN
Tom Martin	AYE
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Claudia D. Tucker	AYE

ATTEST:

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia