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[Cordish Cos.](#) has received approval from Anne Arundel County to begin the construction process At Arundel Mills mall on what is expected to be the states most lucrative slots parlor.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning has approved Cordish's site development plan -- a first step in the construction approval process -- for its 4,750 slot parlor casino.

Cordish plans to construct the project in two phases -- the first a temporary casino in the first floor of an approximately 8-story parking garage with 2,000 slot machines, which is slated to open late next year. The second phase is the permanent casino structure, which will include a live music venue and several restaurants, expected to be completed by late 2012.

Cordish's site development plan, which officials say complies with the adequate public facilities ordinance, requiring upgrades to nearby roadways and public utilities, was approved Tuesday, county officials said Thursday.

"I'm hopeful that the construction jobs and the revenues that will come to the county will begin flowing by the end of 2011," said County Executive John R. Leopold.

With the initial approval, Cordish can now apply for grading and building permits, undergo a site development review and submit its transportation management plan, which also requires approval from the State Highway Administration, to the county.

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