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A GOLF COURSE company with the wrong kind of links has lost a city contract.

The Department of Parks and Recreation terminated its \$9.6 million deal with East Coast Golf to manage the Marine Park Golf Course in Brooklyn because of the firm's reputed ties to the mob.

In a letter to East Coast yesterday, Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said yanking the 20-year contract was "in the best interests of the city."

The move came after city Controller William Thompson discovered East Coast's owner, Domenick Logozzo, had financial ties to a reputed Colombo crime family solidier named Craig Marino.

East Coast began running the public golf course for the city last April, a month after East Coast owner Logozzo's ties to Marino emerged in Brooklyn Federal Court.

The feds alleged Logozzo loaned Marino's father money to invest in a diet company that had Marino on the payroll. Marino also drove a Lincoln Navigator owned by Logozzo.

The relationship was revealed as prosecutors sought to jail Marino as a "danger to the community" after he and nine others were arrested in a racketeering indictment. They claimed Marino had stabbed two men and beaten another.

Thompson, whose staff discovered the link, praised the city for axing the deal.

But he noted that the city is supposed to vet all contracts with the controller before they begin, which wasn't done in this case.

"This situation never would have happened if the Parks Department had followed the law and sent us the agreement for registration prior to its implementation," he said.

East Coast now has 30 days to vacate the greens, leaving the premises in the same condition they found it in. Logozzo declined to comment.

His attorney, Peter Sullivan, insisted that Logozzo broke no laws and that he knows Marino merely because they come from the same neighborhood.

"These guys grew up in the neighborhoods of Brooklyn where they don't know bankers," Sullivan said. "They didn't do anything wrong." gsmith@nydailynews.com

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