

ARTICLE V - RAFFLE CODE

7-5-1 **DEFINITIONS.** Unless the context otherwise requires, the words and phrases herein defined are used in this Code in the sense given them in the following definitions:

“NET PROCEEDS” means the gross receipts from the conduct of raffles, less reasonable sums expended for prizes, local license fees and other reasonable operating expenses incurred as a result of operating a raffle.

“RAFFLE” means a form of lottery, as defined in **Section 28-2, subparagraph (b) of the Criminal Code of 1961**, conducted by an organization licensed under this Article in which:

(A) the player pays or agrees to pay something of value for a chance, presented and differentiated by a number or by a combination of numbers, or by some other medium, one or more of which chances is to be designated the winning chance;

(B) the winning chance is to be determined through a drawing or by some other method based on an element of chance by an act or set of acts on the part of persons conducting or connected with the lottery, except that the winning chance shall not be determined by the outcome of a publicly exhibited sporting contest.

The definitions contained in **Section 15/2, of Chapter 230; (Ill. Comp. Stat.)** are hereby adopted by reference as if fully set out herein. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/1)**

7-5-2 **ADMINISTRATION.** The Mayor is hereby charged with the administration of the appropriate provisions of this Code, and may appoint persons to assist in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties herein provided, including, but not limited to, the members of his staff, the Village Attorney, the Village Clerk, and the Chief of Police. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/2)**

7-5-3 **LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person or organization shall conduct or partake in the selling of raffle chances within the limits and territory of this Village without having a license to do so issued by the Mayor in a manner hereinafter provided and a valid license for such purpose as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Licenses shall be issued only to bona fide religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational or veterans' organizations that operate without profit to their members and which have been in existence continuously for a period of **five (5) years** immediately before making application for a license and which have had during that entire **five (5) year period** a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objectives or to a nonprofit fundraising organization that the licensing authority determines is organized for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance to an identified individual or group of individuals suffering extreme financial hardship as the result of an illness, disability, accident or disaster. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/2)**

(A) The above mentioned types of organizations shall be defined pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes and incorporated herein;

(B) No person or organization shall be issued more than **one (1) license** in a period of **one (1) week**;

(C) The manager of a raffle game shall give a fidelity bond in the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** in the performance of his duties. The Mayor or his designated representative is authorized to waive requirement for bond by including a waiver provision in the license issued, provided that the license containing such waiver provision shall be granted only by majority vote of the members of the licensed organization. The terms of the bond shall provide that notice shall be given in writing to the licensing authority not less than **thirty (30) days** prior to its cancellation.

(D) Any license issued under this Code shall be nontransferable.

7-5-4 **APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.** The Mayor is authorized to grant and issue licenses to eligible organizations to conduct raffles and to participate in the sale of raffle tickets within the limits and territory of the Village upon the conditions and in the manner provided by this Code and by the Act of the General Assembly of Illinois, and not otherwise. Such license shall be in writing, signed by the Mayor and attested by the Village Clerk with the seal of his office affixed thereto.

Prior to the issuance of a license, the applicant shall submit to the Village Clerk an application, in triplicate, in writing and under oath stating the following:

- (A) The name and address of the organization;
- (B) The type of organization that is conducting the raffle, i.e., religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, veterans or other;
- (C) The length of time the organization has continually existed immediately before making application for a license;
- (D) The applicant shall give the aggregate retail value of all prizes or merchandise awarded by a licensee in a single raffle;
- (E) The applicant will give the maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a licensee in a single raffle;
- (F) The amount that the organization plans to charge for each raffle chance issued or sold;
- (G) The time and location where the raffle is to be held;
- (H) The purpose for which the proceeds of the raffle will be used;
- (I) The name and address of the person conducting and performing the raffle, and his relationship with the organization;
- (J) The last date which the applicant has applied for a raffle license;
- (K) The area in which the organization plans to sell or issue its raffle chances;
- (L) Whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony.

7-5-5 APPLICATION: ISSUANCE. All licenses issued by the Mayor or Village Clerk are subject to the following restrictions:

(A) No person, firm or corporation shall conduct raffles or chances without having first obtained a license therefor pursuant to this Code.

(B) The license and application for a license shall specify the area or areas within the licensing authority in which raffle chances will be sold or issued, the time period during which raffle chances will be sold or issued, the time of determination in winning chances, and the location or locations with which winning chances will be determined.

(C) The application shall contain a sworn statement attesting to the not-for-profit character of the prospective licensee organization signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of that organization.

(D) The Mayor shall act upon a license application within **thirty (30) days** from the date of application.

(E) The application for license shall be prepared in accordance with this Code.

(F) A license authorizes the licensee to conduct raffles as defined in this Code. **(See 230 ILCS Sec- 15/3)**

7-5-6 PROHIBITED LICENSEES. The following are ineligible for any raffle license:

(A) Any person who has been convicted of a felony.

(B) Any person who is or has been a professional gambler or gambling promoter;

(C) Any person who is not of good moral character;

(D) Any firm or corporation in which a person defined in paragraphs (A), (B) or (C) above has a propriety, equitable or credit interest, or in which such a person is active or employed;

(E) Any organization in which a person defined in paragraphs (A), (B), or (C) above is an officer, director or employee, whether compensated or not;

(F) Any organization in which a person defined in paragraphs (A), (B), or (C) above is to participate in the management or operation of a raffle as defined by this Code. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/3)**

7-5-7 RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF RAFFLES.

(A) The entire net proceeds of any raffle must be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the organization permitted to conduct that game.

(B) No person except a bona fide member of the sponsoring organization may participate in the management or operation of the raffle;

(C) No person may receive any remuneration or profit for participating in the management or operation of the raffle;

(D) A licensee may rent a premises on which to determine a winning chance or chances in a raffle only from an organization which has also been licensed under the Raffle Act;

(E) Raffle chances may be sold or issued only within the area specified on the license, and winning chances may be determined only at those locations specified on the license;

(F) No person under the age of **eighteen (18) years** may participate in the conducting of raffles or chances. A person under the age of **eighteen (18) years** may be within the area where winning chances are being determined only when accompanied by his parent or guardian.

(G) If a lessor rents premises where a winning chance or chances on a raffle are determined, the lessor shall not be criminally liable if the person who uses the premises for the determining of winning chances does not hold a license issued by the governing body of any county or municipality under the provisions of this Code. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/4)**

7-5-8 RECORDS.

(A) Each organization licensed to conduct raffles and chances shall keep records of its gross receipts, expenses and net proceeds for each single gathering or occasion at which winning chances are determined. All deductions from the gross receipts for each single gathering or occasion shall be documented with receipts or other records indicating the amount, a description of the purchased item or service or other reason for the deduction, and the recipient. The distribution of net proceeds shall be itemized as to payee, purpose, amount and date of payment.

(B) Gross receipts from the operation of raffle programs shall be segregated from other revenues of the organization, including bingo gross receipts if bingo games are also conducted by the same non-profit organization pursuant to license therefor issued by the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois, and placed in a separate account. Each organization shall have separate records of its raffles. The person who accounts for the gross receipts, expenses, and net proceeds from the operation of raffles shall not be the same person who accounts for other revenues of the organization.

(C) Each organization licensed to conduct raffles shall report monthly to its membership and to the Village its gross receipts, expenses and net proceeds from raffles and the distribution of net proceeds itemized as required by this section.

(D) Records required by this section shall be preserved for **three (3) years**, and the organization shall make available their records relating to operation of raffles for public inspection at reasonable times and places. **(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/6)**

7-5-9 TERM AND FEES.

(A) The aggregate retail value of all prizes or merchandise awarded by a licensee in a single raffle shall not exceed **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00);**

(B) The maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a licensee in a single raffle shall not exceed **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);**

(C) The maximum price which may be charged for each raffle chance issued or sold shall not exceed **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)**;

(D) The maximum number of days during which chances may be issued or sold shall not exceed **one hundred twenty (120) days**;

(E) Licenses issued pursuant to this Article shall be valid for **one (1) raffle** and may be suspended or revoked for any violation of this Article;

7-5-10 LIMITED CONSTRUCTION. Nothing in this Code shall be construed to authorize the conducting or operating of any gambling scheme, enterprise, activity or device other than raffles as provided for herein.

ED. NOTE: Political committees are required by Chapter 230, Sec. 15/8.1 to secure raffle licenses from the State Board of Elections.

(See 230 ILCS Sec. 15/2)