

Ordinance Establishing for the Regulation of Bingo Games

Section 1. Bingo authorized

Bingo shall be legal in the Town of Voluntown in accordance with the Connecticut state statutes governing such games, including without limitation Conn. Gen. Stat. §§7-169 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time. In accordance with Public Act 17-231, effective January 1, 2018, the Town will be responsible for the permitting and enforcement of all bingo games. In addition, the Town will be responsible for receiving and monitoring the post event reporting by the organization.

Section 2. Bingo Registration Process

Bingo registrations may be issued to qualifying non-profit organizations by the First Selectman. Registration forms are available on the Town’s website or at the Selectmen’s office. The registration form, proof of non-profit status and fees shall be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office. Qualified entities may apply for any of the following bingo permits:

Weekly – annual permit

Monthly – annual permit

Temporary Single Event – only allowed 2 per year

Senior organizations consisting of members 60 years and older – permit for each event

Parent Teacher Organizations – annual permit

Individual operators are required to submit a PIN Operator Registration form with the Selectmen’s Office prior to operating a bingo. All PIN Operator Registrations previously approved by the State of Connecticut remain in effect. Individual operators must provide State documentation to the Selectmen’s Office for recording.

Section 3. Bingo Permit Fees

Conn. Gen. Stat. §§7-169 et seq, Bingo registration forms shall be accompanied with the fee as outlined in the table below:

<u>Registration Class</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Class A	\$ 75.00
Class B	\$ 10.00 per day
Class C	\$ 50.00

Payment shall be made payable to “Town of Voluntown” and submitted with the registration forms to the Selectmen’s Office.

Section 4. Bingo Financial Returns

For Class A and Class C permits, a financial return shall be filed with the Town by the organization at the end of each quarter. Financial returns are due by the last day of the month following the close of the quarter (i.e. April 30th, July 31st, October 31st, January 31st). Financial returns must include payment of the 5% of the net profit for each bingo event. Payment shall be made payable to the "Town of Voluntown". Financial returns must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office on or before the due date.

For Class B permits, a financial return shall be filed with the Town by the organization at the completion of the bingo event. The financial return must be submitted within 10 days, provide the pertinent event information including the gross receipts, prizes awarded and net profit. Financial returns must include payment of 5% of the net profit for the bingo event. Payment shall be made payable to the "Town of Voluntown". Financial returns must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office on or before the due date.

Section 5. Revocation of Bingo Permits

The First Selectman shall have the authority to investigate potential violations of this ordinance and the applicable state statutes and, in his or her discretion, to protect the public welfare, may immediately suspend or revoke any permit issued under this Section and to order that the person holding such permit cease and desist from the actions constituting any such violation. Any person aggrieved by such order shall have the right to appeal such decision as provided by state statute. In the event the First Selectman revokes a permit issued pursuant to this Section, no bingo permit shall be issued to such permittee for a period of one year after the date of such revocation.

Section 6. Minors

No holder of a permit under this Ordinance, by itself or by its agents or servants, shall permit any person under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by his or her parents or guardians, to enter or be in any hall, room or place in which such permit holder is operating or promoting bingo games. No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to assist in the conduct, management or promotion of such games.

Section 7. Penalties for offenses

Failure of any organization to file the required permit application, PIN registration or financial return shall be in violation of this ordinance. Any organization violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 and revocation of permit or PIN.