

**CHAPTER 116: REGULATING LAWFUL GAMBLING**

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**116.00 LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF BINGO AND RAFFLES AND THE USE OF PADDLEWHEELS, TIPBOARDS, PULL -TABS OR TICKET JARS**

A. Provisions of State Law Adopted. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 349.11 through 349.23 relating to the game of bingo and Section 349.26 relating to paddlewheels, tipboards, pull-tabs or ticket jars and lotteries are adopted and made a part of this ordinance as if set out in full. In addition the regulations of this ordinance shall apply to the conduct of bingo and lotteries and the use of such gambling devices within the city.

B. Licenses.

1. License Required. The conduct of bingo and lotteries and the use of gambling devices within the city without a license is prohibited. Any organization authorized by law to conduct bingo occasions, use gambling devices or conduct lotteries may do so only after receiving a license so authorizing from the council. Licenses are of three kinds: a license to conduct bingo occasions; a license to use gambling devices, including the conduct of lotteries; a combination license to conduct

- bingo occasions and use gambling devices, including the conduct of lotteries.
2. Application. An application for a bingo license or a combination license shall state the location, time and hours of bingo occasions for which permission is requested. An application for a license to use gambling devices and conduct raffles or a combination license shall state what gambling devices will be used and the dates and hours when they will be used or lotteries conducted. Each application shall be made to the city clerk on a form prescribed by him and shall be sufficient to show that the applicant is eligible for a license and that the operations described conform to the law and this ordinance. Each application shall be verified by a duly authorized officer of the organization seeking the license and by the designated bingo or gambling manager or both managers in the case of a combination license. No application shall be accepted unless it is accompanied by the full annual fee for the license sought. No person shall make a false statement in an application. Copies of each application shall be referred to the police chief, fire chief, and building inspector of the city for their recommendations.
  3. Duration of Licenses. All licenses issued under this ordinance shall be for a period of one year and shall expire on December 31.
  4. Fees. The annual license fee for a bingo license shall be \$12.00. The annual fee for a license to use gambling devices shall be \$12.00. The fee for a combination license shall be \$20.00.
  5. Transfer. No license issued under this ordinance shall be transferred to any other person or organization. No such license shall be transferred to any location other than that specified in the license without the prior approval of the council.
- C. Suspension and Revocation. No licensee shall have a vested right in any license issued under this ordinance. Any such license may be suspended for a period not exceeding 60 days or revoked by the council at any time for violation of any provision of this ordinance or applicable state law. The licensee shall be granted an opportunity for a hearing upon at least ten days' notice before revocation or suspension is ordered. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the nature of the charges against the licensee.
- D. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$700 or imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days or both, plus in either case the costs of prosecution.

#### **116.01 ADOPTION OF STATE LAW BY REFERENCE.**

The provisions of M.S. Ch. 349, as they may be amended from time to time, with reference to the definition of terms, conditions of operation, provisions relating to sales, and all other matters pertaining to lawful gambling, are

hereby adopted by reference and are made a part of this chapter as if set out in full. It is the intention of the Council that all future amendments of M.S. Ch. 349 are hereby adopted by reference or referenced as if they had been in existence at the time this chapter was adopted.

#### **116.02 CITY MAY BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW.**

The Council is authorized by the provisions of M.S. ' 349.213, as it may be amended from time to time, to impose, and has imposed in this chapter, additional restrictions on gambling within its limits beyond those contained in M.S. Ch. 349, as it may be amended from time to time.

#### **116.03 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate lawful gambling within the city, to prevent its commercialization, to ensure the integrity of operations, and to provide for the use of net profits only for lawful purposes.

#### **116.04 DEFINITIONS.**

In addition to the definitions contained in M.S. ' 349.12, as it may be amended from time to time, the following terms are defined for purposes of this chapter:

**BOARD.** The State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board.

**LICENSED ORGANIZATION.** An organization licensed by the Board.

**LOCAL PERMIT.** A permit issued by the city.

**TRADE AREA.** This city and each city and township contiguous to this city.

#### **116.05 APPLICABILITY.**

This chapter shall be construed to regulate all forms of lawful gambling within the city except:

(A) Bingo conducted within a nursing home or a senior citizen housing project or by a senior citizen organization if: the prizes for a single bingo game do not exceed \$10; total prizes awarded at a single bingo occasion do not exceed \$200; no more than five bingo occasions are held by the organization or at the facility each week; only members of the organization or residents and their guests of the nursing home or housing project are allowed to play in a

bingo game; no compensation is paid for any persons who conduct the bingo; and a manager is appointed to supervise the bingo.

(B) Raffles, if the value of all prizes awarded by the organization in a calendar year does not exceed \$1,500.

#### **116.06 LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMITTED.**

Lawful gambling is permitted within the city if the Council, by resolution adopted by a majority of its members authorizes lawful gambling to occur, provided it is conducted in accordance with M.S. ' ' 609.75 to 609.763, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time; M.S. ' ' 349.11 to 349.23, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time, and this chapter.

#### **116.07 COUNCIL APPROVAL.**

Lawful gambling authorized by M.S. ' ' 349.11 to 349.23, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time, shall not be conducted unless approved by the Council, subject to the provisions of this chapter and state law.

Penalty, see ' 116.99

#### **116.08 APPLICATION AND LOCAL APPROVAL OF PREMISES PERMITS.**

(A) Any organization seeking to obtain a premises permit or renewal of a premises permit from the Board shall file with the City Clerk an executed, complete duplicate application together with all exhibits and documents accompanying the application as filed with the Board. The application and accompanying exhibits and documents shall be filed not later than three days after they have been filed with the Board.

(B) Upon receipt of an application for issuance or renewal of a premises permit, the City Clerk shall transmit the application to the Chief of Police, or the Sheriff of the county in which this city is located, for review and recommendation.

(C) The Chief of Police or Sheriff shall investigate the matter and make a review and recommendation to the City Council as soon as possible, but in no event later than 45 days following receipt of the notification by the city.

(D) Organizations or bingo halls applying for a state-issued premises permit shall pay the city a \$100 investigation fee. This fee shall be refunded if the application is withdrawn before the investigation is commenced. If approved by the City Council and the Board, a licensed organization will be responsible for an annual investigative fee for conducting lawful gambling within the city.

(E) The applicant shall be notified in writing of the date on which the Council will consider the recommendation.

(F) The Council shall receive the Police Chief's or Sheriff's report and consider the application within 45 days of the date the application was submitted to the City Clerk.

(G) The Council shall, by resolution, approve or disapprove the application within 60 days of receipt of the application.

(H) The Council shall deny an application for issuance or renewal of a premises permit for any of the following reasons:

(1) Violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule or city ordinance relating to gambling within the last three years.

(2) Violation by the on-sale establishment or organization leasing its premises for gambling of any state statute, state rule or city ordinance relating to the operation of the establishment, including, but not limited to, laws relating to alcoholic beverages, gambling, controlled substances, suppression of vice, and protection of public safety within the last three years.

(3) Lawful gambling would be conducted at premises other than those for which an on-sale liquor license has been issued.

(4) Lawful gambling would be conducted at more than one premises within the city. The city may limit the number of premises where lawful gambling may be conducted.

(5) An organization would be permitted to conduct lawful gambling activities at more than one premises in the city.

(6) More than one licensed organization would be permitted to conduct lawful gambling activities at one premises.

(7) Failure of the applicant to pay any investigation fee provided by division (D) of this section within the prescribed time limit.

(8) Operation of gambling at the site would be detrimental to health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Otherwise the Council shall pass a resolution approving the application.

**116.09 LOCAL PERMITS.**

(A) No organization shall conduct lawful gambling excluded or exempted from state licensure requirements by M.S. ' 349.166, as it may be amended from time to time, without a valid local permit. This section shall not apply to lawful gambling exempted from local regulation by ' 116.05.

(B) Applications for issuance or renewal of a local permit shall be on a form prescribed by the city. The application shall contain the following information:

(1) Name and address of the organization requesting the permit.

(2) Name and address of the officers and person accounting for receipts, expenses, and profits for the event.

(3) Dates of gambling occasion for which permit is requested.

(4) Address of premises where event will occur.

(5) Copy of rental or leasing arrangement, if any, connected with the event, including rental to be charged to organization.

(6) Estimated value of prizes to be awarded.

(C) The fee for a local permit shall be \$100. The fee shall be submitted with the application for a local permit. This fee shall be refunded if the application is withdrawn before the investigation is commenced.

(D) Upon receipt of an application for issuance or renewal of a local permit, the City Clerk shall transmit the notification to the Chief of Police or Sheriff for review and recommendation.

(E) The Chief of Police or Sheriff shall investigate the matter and make review and recommendation to the City Council as soon as possible, but in no event later than 45 days following receipt of the notification by the city.

(F) The applicant shall be notified in writing of the date on which the Council will consider the recommendation.

(G) The Council shall receive the Police Chief's or Sheriff's report and consider the application within 45 days of the date the application was submitted to the City Clerk.

(H) The Council shall deny an application for issuance or renewal of a premises permit for any of the following reasons:

(1) Violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule or city ordinance relating to gambling within the last three years.

(2) Violation by the on-sale establishment or organization leasing its premises for gambling of any state statute, state rule or city ordinance relating to the operation of the establishment, including, but not limited to, laws relating to the operation of the establishment, laws relating to alcoholic beverages, gambling, controlled substances, suppression of vice, and protection of public safety within the last three years.

(3) The organization has not been in existence in the city for at least three consecutive years prior to the date of application.

(4) The organization does not have at least 15 active members at the time of its initial license application and thereafter at least 13 members eligible to vote on gambling matters.

(5) Exempted or excluded lawful gambling will not take place at a premises the organization owns or rents.

(6) Exempted or excluded lawful gambling will not be limited to a premises for which an on-sale liquor license has been issued.

(7) An organization will have a permit to conduct exempted or excluded lawful gambling activities on more than one premises in the city.

(8) More than one licensed, qualified organization will be conducting exempted or excluded lawful gambling activities at any one premises.

(9) Failure of the applicant to pay permit fee provided by division (C) of this section within the prescribed time limit.

(10) Operation of gambling at the site would be detrimental to health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Otherwise the Council shall approve the application.

(I) Local permits shall be valid for one year after the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked.

Penalty, see ' 116.99

#### **116.10 REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF LOCAL PERMIT.**

(A) A local permit may be revoked or temporarily suspended for a violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule or city ordinance relating to gambling.

(B) A license shall not be revoked or suspended until written notice and an opportunity for a hearing have first been given to the permitted person. The notice shall be personally served or sent by registered mail. If the person refuses to accept notice, notice of the violation shall be served by posting it on the premises. Notice shall state the provision reasonably believed to be violated and shall state that the permitted person may demand a hearing on the matter, in which case the permit will not be suspended until after the hearing is held. If the permitted person requests a hearing, the Council shall hold a hearing on the matter no more than seven business days after the date on which the request is made. If, as a result of the hearing, the Council finds that an ordinance violation exists, then the Council may suspend or revoke the permit.

#### **116.11 LICENSE AND PERMIT DISPLAY.**

All permits issued under state law or this chapter shall be prominently displayed during the permit year at the premises where gambling is conducted. Penalty, see ' 116.99

#### **116.12 NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES TO APPLICATION.**

An organization holding a state-issued premises permit or a local permit shall notify the city in writing whenever any material change in the information submitted in the application occurs within ten days of the change. Penalty, see ' 116.99

#### **116.13 CONTRIBUTION OF NET PROFITS TO FUND ADMINISTERED BY CITY.**

(A) Each organization licensed to conduct lawful gambling within the city pursuant to M.S. ' 349.16, as it may be amended from time to time, shall contribute 10% of its net profits derived from lawful gambling in the city to a fund administered and regulated by the city without cost to the fund. The city shall disburse the funds for lawful purposes as defined by M.S. ' 349.12, Subd. 25, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) Payment under this section shall be made on the last day of each month.

(C) The city's use of these funds shall be determined at the time of adoption of the city's annual budget or when the budget is amended. Penalty, see ' 116.99



**116.14 DESIGNATED TRADE AREA.**

(A) Each organization licensed to conduct gambling within the city shall expend 100% of its lawful purpose expenditures on lawful purposes conducted within the city's trade area.

(B) This section applies only to lawful purpose expenditures of gross profits derived from gambling conducted at a premises within the city's jurisdiction. Penalty, see ' 116.99

**116.15 RECORDS AND REPORTING.**

(A) Organizations conducting lawful gambling shall file with the City Clerk one copy of all records and reports required to be filed with the Board, pursuant to M.S. Ch. 349, as it may be amended from time to time, and rules adopted pursuant thereto, as they may be amended from time to time. The records and reports shall be filed on or before the day they are required to be filed with the Board.

(B) Organizations licensed by the Board shall file a report with the city proving compliance with the trade area spending requirements imposed by ' 116.14. Such report shall be made on a form prescribed by the city and shall be submitted annually and in advance of application for renewal. Penalty, see ' 116.99

**116.16 HOURS OF OPERATION.**

Lawful gambling shall not be conducted between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any day of the week. Penalty, see ' 116.99

**116.17 SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this chapter is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

**116.99 PENALTY.**

Any person who violates:

(A) Any provision of this chapter;

(B) M.S. ' ' 609.75 to 609.763, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time; or

(C) M.S. ' ' 349.11 to 349.21, as they may be amended from time to time, or any rules promulgated under those sections, as they may be amended from time to time; shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in ' 10.99