

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BORDENTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-4

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION.

Township Committee desires to amend the Township Code to provide for the Township Clerk to be the issuing authority responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses and to otherwise amend the Township Code with respect to bingo and raffle licensing.

SECTION II.

The Township Committee hereby amends Chapter 5.24 of the Township Code, entitled "Bingo and Raffles" as follows:

- a) Sections 5.24.010 through 5.24.030 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

5.24.010. Purpose; administration

This chapter is for the purpose of regulating all games of chance held, operated or conducted within the township, pursuant to Acts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey known as the "Bingo Licensing Law", N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq., and the "Raffles Licensing Law" N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq., and in accordance with the rules and regulations issued or to be promulgated by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the Department of Law and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey. All applications, licenses and proceedings in connection therewith shall be subject to the provisions of such Acts and the rules and regulations and any laws, rules and regulations hereafter enacted and shall be further subject to the provisions of this chapter.

5.24.020. Issuing authority

The issuing Authority, as the same is defined in N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq and N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq, responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses shall be the Municipal Clerk.

5.24.030. Conduct of games on Sunday.

Licensees authorized by law to conduct any games of chance, including raffles and bingo, shall be permitted to conduct the same on any day of the week, including Sundays as provided by N.J.S.A. 5:8-31 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-58.

5.24.040. Application.

The issuing authority shall approve or deny all applications for bingo or raffle licenses with due expedition after the filing of the application. Applications must be filed with the Municipal Clerk together with required fees pursuant to law. The applicant shall demonstrate in writing compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and regulations.

5.24.050. Organizations eligible for license.

No license to conduct a game of chance as authorized by law shall be issued to any organization not having a bona fide sites established in good faith within the State of New Jersey and actively engaged in serving one or more of the authorized purposes as defined by the rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

5.24.060. Suspension or revocation of license.

The governing body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:8-30 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-57, may suspend and revoke any issued bingo or raffle license, after a hearing, for any violation of this chapter or state law. The governing body may suspend the operation of a bingo or raffle pending hearing, in which case a hearing must be held within five days after such action. Notice of a hearing shall be served personally upon an officer of the licensee or the member in charge of the conduct of the bingo or raffle or sent by registered mail or certified mail to the licensee at the address shown on the license. All decisions and findings by the governing body regarding the suspension or revocation of a bingo or raffle license shall be in writing.

5.24.070. Fees.

The fees payable by law shall be as established by the rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission. All fees under this section payable to the Township of Bordentown by nonprofit entities engaged in nonprofit activities in the Township of Bordentown shall be one-half of the State mandated fee.

5.24.080. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties as provided in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION IV.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 13, 2017

ADOPTED: APRIL 3, 2017