



PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:

The undersigned hereby respectfully request of your
Honorable Body that:

FOR DEPOSIT ONLY

TOWN OF BRISTOL, RI

TOWN CLERK'S

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

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Melissa Cordeiro
Council Clerk

I am requesting a petition to have
and Approved BINGO at the Bristol VFW
Post 237 on Hope Street

each second Thursday of the month
thru September 2027.

please see attached approval
from the state of RI.

Actual dates:
October 8th, November 12th, December 10th, 2026
January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th,
May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th
and September 9th, 2027 5:30-10:00pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that your petition is submitted by 4:00
PM two (2) Wednesdays before the Town Council
meeting scheduled for _____
In order to be included on the Town Council docket.
According to Council policy, petitions cannot be
addressed unless recommendations, if needed from
the relevant departments are received before the
Council meeting.

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

Marganda Chaves
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RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE

Charitable Gaming Unit

311 Danielson Pike
North Scituate, RI 02857

Telephone: (401) 764-5568

September 01, 2026

Serena Richmond
Bristol VFW
850 Hope Street
Bristol, RI 02809

File# 188

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT WEEKLY BINGO

(For non-profit organizations only)

Dear Ms. Richmond:

This Certificate of Approval authorizes the above individual of **Bristol VFW**, of 850 Hope Street, Bristol, RI 02809 to conduct the game of bingo at **850 Hope Street in Bristol**, Rhode Island, on **2nd Thursday of each month**. A list of authorized workers is attached.

Your organization has been assigned **File Number 188**. All correspondence with the Division of State Police must include your designated file number.

This authorization is granted under Sections 11-19-31 and 11-19-37 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended. No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed to participate in the game of bingo. It is also understood that your organization will comply with the bingo laws of the State of Rhode Island (RIGL Title 11, Chapter 19, Sections 30-45 as amended) and the Rhode Island State Police Rules and Regulations Governing Bingo.

Every charitable organization operating the game of bingo must submit a financial report form within 7 days of each day the licensed organization is authorized to conduct the game, regardless of whether or not the licensed organization actually conducts the game on that day. Only those expenses that are reasonable and necessary and ordinarily incidental to the conduct of the game may be paid from the gross receipts. An annual Financial Report, certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant, must be filed with the Rhode Island State Police Charitable Gaming Unit at the end of the bingo year. **Total expenses, except for prizes, shall not exceed 25% of the gross receipts or receipts to be raised by conducting the game.**

This Certificate of Authorization will expire on **September 30, 2027**. You must present this Certificate to your local city/town licensing authority, so that a license, if required, may be issued for your event. Your bingo hall must also receive annual approval from the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal.

Sincerely,

Captain Hebert Tilson

Charitable Gaming Unit

cc: Bristol Police Department
State Fire Marshall



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
TOWN CLERK

DATE: September 1, 2026

RE: Margarida Chaves for VFW Post #237, 850 Hope
Street Requests for Bingo Licenses Starting
October 8th, continuing on the second Thursday
of each month, through September 2027, 5:30-
10:00pm

May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation
of the department head you deem appropriate in order for the
Council to review the request at the Town Council Meeting to
be held on **September 16, 2026**.

**All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's
office by Wednesday, September 9, 2026. All and any items
received after the deadline will be held until the next
council agenda.**

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachments