



# CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Fees Related to Ordinance No. 280-2025, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Authorizing Bingo Games for Charitable Purposes Only; Resolution No. 2025-20

**MEETING DATE:**

May 15, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion ☒ Action Item

### WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to hold a Public Hearing to adopt fees related to Ordinance No. 280-2025, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Authorizing Bingo Games for Charitable Purposes Only, which was adopted by the City Council on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance repealed Section 6-8 of the Clearlake Municipal Code, which previously addressed Remote Caller Bingo Games, and replaced it with a new Section 6-8 that authorizes bingo games for charitable purposes only. This action was necessary because Remote Caller Bingo Games have been deemed illegal by the State of California.

The ordinance includes provisions to ensure strict compliance with regulations, protect the community's peaceful atmosphere, and prevent illegal gambling activities. It defines "bingo," sets forth general provisions for conducting bingo games, specifies which organizations are authorized to conduct bingo games and how proceeds must be used, and establishes regulations for licensing, operation, and violations.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Within the Ordinance are guidelines for applications for a Bingo Game License, including the application fees.

*Section 6-8.2.7 Only an organization licensed by the Police Department may conduct bingo games. Application for licenses shall be made to the Police Department on forms provided by that office. In the discretion of the Police Department any person in an organization who expects to or does participate in*

*the conduct of the games shall submit to being fingerprinted and photographed by the Police Department. The license shall be renewed annually.*

*Section 6-8.2.9(a) An annual license fee in the amount set forth below shall be payable upon application for the license and on the date of each annual renewal thereof:*

<i>More than two (2) games per month</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Two (2) games per month</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>One game per month</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>Less than one game per month</i>	<i>15.00</i>

*6-8.2.9(b) If an application for a license is denied, one-half (1/2) of any license fee paid shall be refunded to the organization.*

Bingo games can only be conducted by organizations exempt from the bank and corporation tax under specific sections of the Revenue and Taxation Code, mobile home park associations, charitable organizations affiliated with a school district, and senior citizen organizations. The proceeds must be used exclusively for charitable purposes. Licenses are annual, with fees varying based on the frequency of games. If a license application is denied, half of the fee is refunded.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Hold the public hearing, hear public testimony, close the public hearing by voice vote, and move to adopt Resolution No. 2025-20.
2. Other direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

☐ None      ☒ \$50 anticipated annual license fee      Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No      If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$  
Affected fund(s): ☒ General Fund   ☐ Measure P Fund   ☐ Measure V Fund   ☐ Other:  
Comments:

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:**

- ☐ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City  
☐ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City  
☒ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities  
☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake  
☐ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City  
☐ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards  
☒ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 2025-20.



**Attachments:**

- 1) Ordinance No. 280-2025
- 2) Resolution No. 2025-20