

**ORDINANCE 2022-3357**

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP CLERK  
TO ACT AS ISSUING AUTHORITY AS TO BINGO  
AND RAFFLE LICENSES**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Bingo Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 to 5:8-49.11 et. seq., and the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 to 5:8-77 et seq., the governing body is authorized to issue Bingo and/or Raffle Licenses for fund raising purposes to certain organizations serving a religious, civic, charitable, veteran, fraternal or similar purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 et seq., the governing body may delegate by Ordinance the authority to approve the granting of bingo and raffle licenses to the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has ascertained that such an authorization would allow the Township Clerk to review and act upon such licenses on a more expeditious basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that it is in the best interests of the Township of Middletown and the residents seeking a bingo and/or raffle license(s), that review and approvals be done in a more efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133(e) which sets forth the statutory duties of a Municipal Clerk, provides that the Clerk serves as the administrative officer responsible for the acceptance of applications for licenses and permits and the issuance of such permits, except where a statute or ordinance has delegated that responsibility to some other municipal officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the Township of Middletown, that the governing body hereby delegates to, authorizes, and provides authority to the Township Clerk to issue Bingo Licenses and Raffle Licenses to appropriate organizations as specified in the Bingo Licensing Law and the Raffle Licensing Law, in appropriate applications in the determination of the Township Clerk. Such License issuance will thereafter be reported to the Township governing body.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Township Clerk shall apply the standards set forth in the Bingo Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 to 5:8-49.11 et seq. and the Raffle Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 to 5:8-77 et seq., as applicable, when reviewing the license applications.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

**REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.