

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2026-06

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II BUSINESS AND LICENSE REGULATIONS,
CHAPTER 6, RAFFLES, SECTION 2-6-1 DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 2-6-4
LICENSEE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Poplar Grove (“Village”) had adopted a Code of Ordinances (“Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to amend Title II “Business and License Regulations,” Chapter 6 “Raffles” contains Sections 2-6-1 “Definitions” and 2-6-4 “Licensee Qualifications” of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village and its citizens to approve amendments to the Chapter of the Code regarding Raffles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. Section 2-6-1 of Chapter 6 Raffles of Title II Business and License Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Poplar Grove, shall and hereby is amended, in relevant part, as follows (deletions shown as ~~striketroughs~~ and new language as **bold** and underlined):

2-6-1. - DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context expressly indicates a different meaning.

Business. A voluntary organization composed of individuals and businesses who have joined together to advance the commercial, financial, industrial, and civic interests of a community.

Class A: Calendar raffle. A raffle for which one set of tickets is sold and where drawings are held and prizes awarded on individual pre-determined dates, **not to exceed 52 Raffle events**, specified in part of a calendar year and may include a consecutive portion of but shall not exceed 12 consecutive months.

Class B: One-time emergency raffle license. **A one-time Raffle event in which the drawings occur on the same day, at the same location, and within the confines of the same Raffle event.**

Charitable Organization. An organization or institution organized and operated to benefit an indefinite number of the public. The service rendered to those eligible for benefits must also confer some benefit on the public.

Educational Organization. An organization or institution organized and operated to provide systematic instruction in useful branches of learning by methods common to schools and institutions of learning which compare favorably in their scope and intensity with the course of study presented in tax supported schools.

Fraternal Organization. An organization of persons having a common interest, the primary interest of which is to both promote the welfare of its members and to provide assistance to the general public in such a way as to lessen the burdens of government by caring for those who otherwise would be cared for by the government.

Labor Organization. An organization composed of workers organized with the objective of betterment of the conditions of those engaged in such pursuit and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in their respective occupations.

Licensee. An organization which has been issued a license to operate a raffle pursuant to this chapter.

Net Proceeds. The gross receipts from the conduct of raffles, less reasonable sums expended for prizes, local license fees and other reasonable operating expenses incurred as a result of operating a raffle.

Nonprofit. An organization or institution organized and conducted on a not for profit basis with no personal profit inuring to anyone as a result of said operation.

Person. An individual, firm, organization, public or private corporation, government, limited liability company, partnership, or unincorporated association.

Raffle. A form of lottery, as defined in 720 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/28-2(b), conducted by an organization licensed under this chapter in which:

- A. The player pays or agrees to pay something of value for a chance, represented and differentiated by a number or by a combination of numbers or by some other medium, one or more of which chances is to be designated as the winning chance; and
- B. The winning chance is to be determined through a drawing or by some other method based on an element of chance by an act or set of acts on the part of persons conducting or connected with the lottery, except that the winning chance shall not be determined by the outcome of a publicly exhibited sporting contest.

Raffle administrator(s). The Village Clerk or any deputy clerk appointed; and in the event of a conflict of interest of either of the before mentioned, the Village President. In the event of a

conflict of interest with both of the aforementioned, any two member(s) of the administrative and legislative committee shall provide the required signatures.

Raffle event. An event at which at least one raffle is conducted by an organization that holds a raffle license issued under this Code.

Religious Organization. Any church, congregation, society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious worship.

Veterans' Organization. An organization or association comprised of members of which substantially all are individuals who are veterans or spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, the primary purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its members and to provide assistance to the general public in such a way as to confer a public benefit.

3. Section 2-6-4 of Chapter 6 Raffles of Title II Business and License Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Poplar Grove, shall and hereby is amended, in relevant part, as follows (deletions shown as ~~strike throughs~~ and new language as **bold and underlined**):

2-6-4. – LICENSEE QUALIFICATIONS.

Raffle licenses shall be issued only to bona fide ~~R~~**religious**, ~~C~~**charitable**, ~~L~~**labor**, ~~B~~**business**, ~~F~~**fraternal**, ~~E~~**educational** or ~~V~~**veterans'** ~~O~~**organizations** that operate without profit to their members and which have been in existence continuously for a period of five years immediately before making application for a license and which have had, during that entire five year period, a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objectives, or to a nonprofit fundraising organization that the licensing authority determines is organized for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance to an identified individual or group of individuals suffering extreme financial hardship as the result of an illness, disability, accident, or disaster. The following are ineligible for any raffle license:

- A. Any person who has been convicted of a felony;
- B. Any person who is or has been a professional gambler or gambling promoter;
- C. Any person who is not of good moral character;
- D. Any firm or corporation in which a person defined in subsection A, B, or C of this section has a proprietary, equitable, or credit interest, or in which such person is active or employed;
- E. Any organization in which a person defined in subsection A, B, or C of this section is an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not; and
- F. Any organization in which a person defined in subsection A, B, or C of this section is to participate in the management or operation of a "raffle" as defined in this chapter.

4. Except as amended by this Ordinance, all other provisions and terms of the Village Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted except that those

ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED UPON MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING "AYE": _____

VOTING "NAY": _____

ABSENT, ABSTAIN, OTHER _____

APPROVED _____, 2026

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK