



Village of Poplar Grove – Board Meeting Memo

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****Subject:****

Raffle Permits

1. Background:

A recent inquiry about various types of raffles, lead to the review of ordinance 2-6-4. To Note our ordinance is modeled off the requirements of the IL Gaming (230 ILCS 30) Charitable Games Act. It reads as follows:

“Raffle licenses shall be issued only to bona fide religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational or veterans' 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.”

2. Current Status:

Currently we have businesses within the Village of Poplar Grove who are not non-profit entities as defined in the 2-6-4 ordinance holding raffles.

3. Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal impact will include any legal counsel services, office time. Other fiscal impact will be dependent upon raffle permit fee.

4. Legal Review (if applicable):

Legal Counsel was engaged during the discovery of this issue.

5. Recommendation:

In efforts to come in-line with Boone County and to encourage non-profit entities to pull the appropriate raffle permits, while be extremely affordable it is recommended to reduce the Class D License (Calendar Raffle) fee from \$100 to \$25. All raffle permits licenses would be \$25 with the exception of a Class C (one-time emergency) which is \$0 fee.

Also note, per the ordinance a not-for-profit may apply for a waiver of Class A license fees once in a Village fiscal year (May 1 through April 30). There is no fee for a Class C license.

6. Supporting Documents (if applicable):

☐ Attached – Raffle Permit Ordinance

☐ Not Applicable

****Signature:****

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