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Subject: Ordinance amending Title 5 by adding a new chapter 10 "raffles"
Attachments: 1721_001.pdf

Illinois regulates the various forms of legal gambling in different ways. For instance, Video Poker is licensed and regulated by the Illinois Gaming Board and Bingo games are licensed and regulated by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Raffles, such as the Queen of Hearts, are regulated under the Illinois Raffles and Poker Runs Act. 230 ILCS 15.

The Act states that a raffle cannot be held unless the holder has a license. The act further states that the local Municipality, not the State issues the license. In other words, one cannot legally hold a raffle without a locally issued raffle license. The State law specifies the requirements for a license holder and conduct of the raffle. The entity holding the raffle must have a license from the municipality. No license no raffle.

Attached find draft ordinance for Village Board consideration creating Village of Thornton raffle license and specifying the conduct of raffles. I believe it to be in conformance with the State requirements and was based upon the ordinances of several other Municipalities.

If the ordinance passes, I will create forms for application and reporting for staff use

Areas for discussion

1. The current version has the Village Board issuing the license and Village President revoking
2. The current version grants a license for a year rather than per raffle
3. The license fee is \$100
4. Price of raffle tickets between 1 and 500 dollars
5. Total prizes per raffle not to exceed 1 million dollars
6. Manager fidelity bond at least 100,000k can be waived by Board
7. Requires insurance policy indemnifying Village at limits determined by Village

Should you have questions or changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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