

VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-609

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE VII
ENTITLED "RAFFLES AND POKER RUNS"
OF THE
REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES
FOR THE
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS**

THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019

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Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois this 6th day of November,
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Amendment. The following exhibit shall amend Chapter 7, Article VII of "The Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Illinois" and shall be as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOLLOWING

SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. Any conflicting ordinances, code provisions or pertinent portions thereof in effect at the time this ordinance takes effect are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Passed this 6th day of November, 2019 by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Burke				
Fear				
Haines				
Harris				
Hasty				
Waldrop				

Approved by the Mayor of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 6th day of November, 2019.

TERESA K. FIELDER, MAYOR
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD) **ss. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**
VILLAGE OF OBLONG)

I, Ladora Boyd, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, as passed, approved, and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 6th day of November, 2019.

LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

ARTICLE VII – RAFFLES AND POKER RUNS

7-7-1 **DEFINITIONS.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(A) **"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.

(B) **"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.

(C) **"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.

(D) **"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 that otherwise would be cared for by the government.

(E) **"Hardship":** A non-profit fundraising organization that has not been in existence continuously for a period of **five (5) years** immediately before making application for a license that the County determines to be 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.

(F) **"Key Location":** The location where the poker run concludes and the prize or prizes are awarded.

(G) **"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.

(H) **"Licensee":** An organization which has been issued a license to operate a raffle.

(I) **"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 or poker run.

(J) **"Non-Profit":** An organization or institution organized and conducted on a not-for-profit basis with no personal profit inuring to any one as a result of the operation.

(K) **"Poker Run":** A prize-awarding event organized by an organization licensed under this Article in which participants travel to multiple predetermined locations, including a key location, to play a randomized game based on an element of chance. "Poker run" includes dice runs, marble runs, or other events where the objective is to build the best hand or highest score by obtaining an item or playing a randomized game at each location.

(L) **"Raffle":** A form of lottery, as defined in Section 28-2(b) of the Criminal Code of 2012, conducted by an organization licensed under this Act, in which:

- (1) 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 the winning chance;
- (2) 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.

(M) **"Religious Organization":** Any church, congregation, society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious worship.

(N) **"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.

7-7-2 REQUIREMENT OF LICENSE.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, business, corporation, organization or other entity to conduct or operate a raffle, or to sell, offer for sale, convey, issue, or otherwise transfer for value a chance on a raffle without having first obtained a license therefore pursuant to this Article and the "Raffles and Poker Runs Act".

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, business, corporation, organization or other entity to conduct or operate a poker run without having first obtained a license therefore pursuant to this Article and the "Raffles and Poker Runs Act".

7-7-3 APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE FOR A RAFFLE.

(A) Any person, firm, business, corporation, organization or other entity seeking to conduct or operate a raffle shall file an application therefore with the Village Clerk on the forms provided by the Village Clerk.

(B) Applications for licenses under this Article must contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant organization;
- (2) The type of organization that is conducting the raffle, i.e., religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, veterans or other;
- (3) The length of existence of the organization and, if incorporated, the date and state of incorporation;
- (4) The name, address, telephone number, and age of the organization's presiding officer, secretary, raffles manager and any other members responsible for the conduct and operation of the raffle;
- (5) The aggregate retail value of all prizes or merchandise awarded by a licensee in a single raffle;
- (6) The maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a licensee in a single raffle;
- (7) The maximum price which may be charged for each raffle chance issued or sold;
- (8) The maximum number of days during which chances may be issued or sold;
- (9) The time period during which raffle chances will be sold or issued;
- (10) The date, time, and name and address of the location or locations at which winning chances will be determined;
- (11) A sworn statement attesting to the not-for-profit character of the prospective licensee organization signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of that organization; and
- (12) A certificate signed by the presiding officer of the applicant organization attesting to the fact that the information contained in the application is true and correct.

(C) An application for a license to conduct or operate a raffle shall be accompanied by a non-refundable **Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00)** filing fee. Such fee shall be paid by cash, credit card or cashier's check. The Village Clerk shall refer the application to the Mayor.

(D) The Mayor may waive the application.

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APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE FOR A POKER RUN.

(A) Any person, firm, business, corporation, organization or other entity seeking to conduct or operate a poker run shall file an application therefore with the Village Clerk on the forms provided by the Village Clerk.

(B) Applications for licenses under this Article must contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant organization;
- (2) The type of organization that is conducting the raffle or poker run, i.e., religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, veterans or other not-for-profit organization;
- (3) The length of existence of the organization and, if incorporated, the date and state of incorporation;
- (4) The name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the organization's presiding officer, secretary, and any other members responsible for the conduct and operation of the raffle or poker run;
- (5) The time period during which the poker run will be conducted;
- (6) The time of determination of winning chances and the location or locations at which the winning chances will be determined;
- (7) A sworn statement attesting to the not-for-profit character of the prospective licensee organization signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of that organization; and
- (8) A certificate signed by the presiding officer of the applicant organization attesting to the fact that the information contained in the application is true and correct.
- (9) The purpose for which the poker run is being conducted.

(C) An application for a license to conduct or operate a poker run shall be accompanied by a non-refundable **Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00)** filing fee. Such fee shall be paid by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. The Village Clerk shall refer the application to the Mayor.

(D) The Mayor may waive the application.

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LICENSEE QUALIFICATIONS.

(A) 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 (5) years** immediately before making application for a license and which have had during that entire **five (5) year** period a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objects, or to a non-profit fundraising organization that the Mayor 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.

(B) Poker run licenses shall be issued only to bona fide religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational, veterans', or other bona fide not-for-profit organizations that operate without profit to their members and which have been in existence continuously for a period of **five (5) years** immediately before making application for a poker run license and which have had during that entire **five (5) year** period a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objects.

(C) The Mayor may waive the **five (5) year** requirement under this Section for a bona fide religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational, or veterans' organization that applies for a license to conduct a raffle or poker run if the organization is a local organization that is affiliated with and chartered by a national or State organization that meets the **five (5) year** requirement. The following are ineligible for any raffle or poker run license;

- (1) Any person who has been convicted of a felony;
- (2) Any person who is or has been a professional gambler or gambling promoter;
- (3) Any person who is not of good moral character;

- (4) Any organization in which a person defined in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this Section has a proprietary, equitable, or credit interest or in which such person is active or employed;
- (5) Any organization in which a person defined in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this Section is an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not; and
- (6) Any organization in which a person defined in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this Section is to participate in the management or operation of a poker run as defined in this Section.

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LICENSE ISSUANCE.

(A) The Mayor shall review all raffle license applications and all poker run license applications. The Mayor shall, within **thirty (30) days** from the date of application, accept or reject a raffle or poker run license application. If an application is accepted, the Mayor shall forthwith issue a raffle or poker run license to the applicant.

(B) A raffle license or poker run license shall specify:

- (1) The area or areas in which raffle chances will be sold or issued or a poker run will be conducted;
- (2) The time period during which raffle chances will be sold or issued or a poker run will be conducted; and
- (3) The time of determination of winning chances and the location or locations at which the winning chances will be determined.

(C) A poker run license shall be issued for the following purposes:

- (1) Providing financial assistance to an identified individual or group of individuals suffering extreme hardship as the result of an illness, disability, accident, or disaster; or
- (2) To maintain the financial stability of the organization.

(D) Any license issued under this Article shall be non-transferable.

(E) A license shall be valid for one raffle event or one poker run only, unless the Mayor specifically authorized a specified number of raffles or poker runs to be conducted during a specified period not to exceed **one (1) year**.

(F) A raffle license or poker run license may be suspended or revoked for any misrepresentation on the application, any violation of this Article or State law, or when such raffle or poker run or portion thereof is conducted so as to constitute a public nuisance or to disturb the peace, health, safety or welfare.

(G) **Prominent Display of License.**

- (1) A raffle license shall be prominently displayed at the time and location of the determination of the winning chances.
- (2) A poker run license shall be prominently displayed at each location at which the poker run is conducted or operated.

(H) **Miscellaneous Provision for Poker Run License.** Any poker run license issued shall cover the entire poker run, including locations other than the key location. Each license issued shall include the name and address of each location at which the poker run will be conducted.

7-7-7

CONDUCT OF RAFFLES AND POKER RUNS.

(A) The operation and conduct of raffles and poker runs are subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The entire net proceeds of any raffle or poker run must be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the organization permitted to conduct that game.
- (2) No person except a bona fide member of the sponsoring organization may participate in the management or operation of the raffle or poker run.

- (3) No person may receive any remuneration or profit for participating in the management or operation of the raffle or poker run.
- (4) A licensee may rent a premises on which to determine the winning chance or chances in a raffle only from an organization which is also licensed under this Article. A premises where a poker run is held is not required to obtain a license if the name and location of the premises is listed as a predetermined location on the license issued for the poker run and the premises does not charge for use of the premises.
- (5) Raffle chances may be sold or issued only within the area specified on the raffle license and winning chances may be determined only at those locations specified on the license for a raffle. A playing card or equivalent item may be drawn only within the area specified on the poker run license and winning hands or scores may be determined only at those locations specified on said license.
- (6) A person under the age of **eighteen (18) years** may participate in the conducting of raffles or chances or poker runs only with the permission of a parent or guardian. A person under the age of **eighteen (18) years** may be within the area where winning chances in a raffle or winning hands or scores in a poker run are being determined only when accompanied by his parent or guardian.

(B) If a lessor rents premises where a winning chance on a raffle or a winning hand or score in a poker run is determined, the lessor shall not be criminally liable if the person who uses the premises for the determining of winning chances does not hold a license issued by the Village.

7-7-8

MANAGER – BOND FOR RAFFLES.

(A) All operations of and conduct of raffles shall be under the supervision of a single poker run manager designated by the organization. The manager or operator of the raffle must be a bona fide member of the organization holding the license for such a raffle and may not receive any remuneration or profit for participating in the management or operation of the raffle.

(B) The manager shall give a fidelity bond in the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** conditioned upon his/her honesty in the performance of his duties. Terms of the bond shall provide that notice shall be given in writing to the Village not less than **thirty (30) days** prior to its cancellation.

(C) The Mayor is authorized to waive this bond requirement by including a waiver provision in the license issued to an organization under this Article provided that a license containing such waiver provision shall be granted only by unanimous vote of the members of the licensed organization.

7-7-9

RECORDS.

(A) Each organization licensed to conduct raffles and chances or poker runs shall keep records of its gross receipts, expenses and net proceeds for each single gathering or occasion at which winning chances in a raffle or winning hands or scores in a poker run are determined. All deductions from the gross receipts for each single gathering or occasion shall be documented with receipts or other records indicating the amount, a description of the purchased item or service or other reason for the deduction, and the recipient. The distribution of net proceeds shall be itemized as to payee, purpose, amount and date of payment.

(B) Gross receipts from the operation of raffles or poker runs shall be segregated from other revenues of the organization, including bingo gross receipts, if bingo games are also conducted by the same non-profit organization pursuant to license therefor issued by the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois, and placed in a separate account. Each organization shall have separate records of its raffles or poker runs. The person who accounts for the gross receipts, expenses, and net proceeds from the operation of raffles or poker runs shall not be the same person who accounts for other revenues of the organization.

(C) Each organization licensed to conduct raffles or poker runs shall report promptly after conclusion of each raffle or poker run to its membership.

(D) Each organization licensed to conduct raffles shall report promptly to the Village Clerk, its gross receipts, expenses and net proceeds from raffles, and the distribution of net proceeds itemized as required by this Section.

(E) Records required by this Section shall be preserved for **three (3) years**, and the organization shall make available their records relating to operation of poker runs for public inspection at reasonable times and places.

(F) The Village shall maintain the records required by this Section in compliance with the "Raffles and Poker Runs Act" and the Local Records Act, **50 ILCS 205/1 et seq.**

7-7-10 LIMITED CONSTRUCTION. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to authorize the conducting or operating of any gambling scheme, enterprise, activity, or device other than raffles or poker runs as provided for herein.

7-7-11 PRIZE LIMITATIONS; TERM.

(A) The aggregate retail value of all prizes or merchandise awarded by a licensee in a single raffle or poker run shall not exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)**;

(B) The maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a licensee in a single raffle or single poker run shall not exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)**;

(C) The maximum price which may be charged for each raffle chance issued or sold or each poker hand shall not exceed **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)**;

(D) The maximum number of days during which chances may be issued or sold or poker hands issued or sold shall not exceed **one (1) year**;

(E) Licenses issued pursuant to this Code shall be valid for **one (1) raffle** and may be suspended or revoked for any violation of this Code;

(F) Licenses shall be issued to bona fide religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, or veterans' organizations that operate without profit to their members, and which have been in existence continuously for a period of **five (5) years** immediately before making application for a license and which have had during that entire **five (5) year** period a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objectives;

(G) The above-mentioned types of organizations shall be defined pursuant to **230 ILCS 15/.01 et seq.**, being the Raffles and Poker Run Act;

(H) No person, or organization shall be issued more than **one (1) license** in a period of **one (1) week**;

(I) The manager of a raffle game or poker run shall give a fidelity bond in the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** in favor of the organization conditioned upon his honesty in the performance of his duties. The Mayor or his designated representative is authorized to waive requirement for bond by including a waiver provision in the license issued, provided that the license containing such waiver provision shall be granted only by unanimous vote of the members of the licensed organization. The terms of the bond shall provide that notice shall be given in writing to the licensing authority not less than **thirty (30) days** prior to its cancellation.

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