

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Ordinance 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, AMENDING CHAPTER 68 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGRADING BINGO AND GAMES OF CHANCE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 68. BINGO AND GAMES OF CHANCE

(HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade 10-1-1975 as Ch.63 of the 1975 Code; amended in its entirety 4-16-2008 by Ord. 2008-06. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.)

68-1. Purpose; administration.

This chapter is for the purpose of regulating all games of chance held, operated, or conducted within the Township, pursuant to Acts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey known as the “Bingo Licensing Law,” N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et. Seq. and the “Raffles Licensing Law,” N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq., and in accordance with the rules and regulations issued or to be promulgated by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the Department of Law and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey. All applications, licenses and proceedings in connection therewith shall be subject to the provisions of such acts, and the rules and regulations, and any laws, rules and regulations hereafter enacted, and shall be further subject to the provisions of this chapter.

68-2. Issuing authority.

The issuing authority, as the same is defined in N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq., responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses shall be the Municipal Clerk.

68-3. Conduct of games on Sunday.

Licensees authorized by law to conduct any games of chance, including raffles and bingo, shall be permitted to conduct the same on any day of the week, including Sundays, as provided by N.J.S.A. 5:8-31 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-58.

68-4. License required.

No person, organization, association, club, fire company or squad shall operate or conduct within the Township of Maple Shade any game of chance, as the same is defined in the Bingo Licensing Law (N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq.) and the Raffles Licensing Law (N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq.) as the same may be hereinafter amended and supplemented, without first obtaining a license issued by the Township of Maple Shade. Said license shall be issued pursuant and subject to the provisions of the aforementioned statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto or issued thereunder by the LGCCC or its successor.

68-5. Organizations eligible for license.

No license to conduct a game of chance as authorized by law shall be issued to any organization not having a bona fide site established in good faith within the State of New Jersey and actively engaged in serving one or more of the authorized purposes as defined by the rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

68-6. Application for license.

1. Bingo and Raffle Applications shall be filed in quadruplicate with the Municipal Clerk not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the drawing.
2. Copy of the completed application, with two signatures, copy of the registration that was issued by the Legalized Games of Chance, sample ticket, if required, a copy of "Findings and Determinations Statement" (supplied by the Clerk) and the fee payment, to be transmitted within (3) days of action by the local issuing authority to the Control Commission. The forms must be received by the Control Commission at least fourteen (14) days prior to the holding of the first game authorized.
3. At least (14) calendar days must lapse between the time the municipality forwards the application and licensing fee to the Control Commission and the time the license is issued. The applicant shall demonstrate, in writing, compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and regulations.

68-7. Investigation; issuance of licenses.

The Municipal Clerk shall, in accordance with the Bingo and Raffle Licensing Laws and in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the LGCCC, cause an investigation of the qualifications of each applicant and the merits of each application, with due expedition after the filing of the application. If the licensing authority determines that the applicant is duly qualified to be licensed to hold, operate and conduct games of chance, the license can be issued to the applicant for the holding, operation and conduct of the

specific kind of games of chance applied for, accordingly, upon payment of the license fee or fees.

68-8. Form and contents of license; display.

Each license shall be in such form as shall be prescribed in the rules and regulations promulgated by the LGCCC and shall contain a description of the kind of games of chance authorized to be held, operated and conducted thereunder; a statement of the name and address of the licensee; the names and addresses of the member(s) of the licensee under whom such games of chance will be held, operated and conducted; the number of times or the hours during which such games of chance are authorized to be conducted; the place(s) where and the date(s) and time(s) when such games of chance are to be conducted; the specific purposes to which the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted; if any prize(s) is (are) to be offered and given in cash, a statement of the amounts of the prizes authorized so to be offered and given; and any other information which may be required by said rules and regulations to be obtained therein, and each license issued for the conduct of any game or games of chance shall be conspicuously displayed at the place where the same is to be conducted at all times during the conduct thereof.

68.9. Suspension or revocation of license.

The governing body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:8-30 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-57, may suspend and revoke any issued bingo or raffle license, after a hearing, for any violation of this chapter or state law. The governing body may suspend the operation of a bingo or raffle pending hearing, in which case a hearing must be held within five (5) days after such action. Notice of a hearing shall be served personally upon an officer of the licensee or the member in charge of the conduct of the bingo or raffle or sent by registered mail or certified mail to the licensee at the address shown on the license. All decisions and findings by the governing body regarding the suspension or revocation of a bingo or raffle license shall be in writing.

68.10. Fees.

Fees for games of chance shall be as set forth in Chapter 88, Fees.

68.11. Violation and penalties.

Penalties for violation of this chapter shall be as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, Penalties for Violations, or as provided in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

Introduction: March 24, 2022

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Volpe						x
Wiest	x		x			
Nunes			x			

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Maple Shade Township Council at a meeting held on April 14, 2022.

Andrea T. McVeigh, Township Clerk

Adopted: April 14, 2022

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