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9.04.010 Compliance--Eligibility. A. Bingo games shall be permitted in the city subject to compliance with applicable state law and this chapter.

B. Organizations exempted from the payment of the bank and corporation tax by Sections 2370ld, 2370le, 2370lf, 2370lg, 2370l l and 2370lt of the Revenue and Taxation Code, mobile home park associations and Senior Citizens organizations are eligible to apply to the city for a license to conduct bingo games in the city; provided, that the proceeds of such games are used only for charitable purposes. (Ord. 314 §1, 1977; Ord. 306 §1(a), 1976).

\* For statutory provisions on bingo games, see Pen. Code §326.5.

9.04.020 Bingo defined. As used in this chapter, "bingo" means a game of chance in which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers or symbols selected at random. (Ord. 306 §1(n), 1976).

9.04.030 General regulations. A. A licensed sponsoring organization is authorized to conduct one bingo session per week, on the day set forth in the license. "Bingo session" is defined as a series of bingo games played between the hours of eight a.m. and twelve p.m. on the authorized day.

B. A nonprofit, charitable organization shall conduct a bingo game only in a building or property owned or leased by it, or property whose use is donated to the organization and which property is used by such organization for an office or for performance of the purposes for which the organization is organized.

C. All bingo games shall be open to the public, not just to the members of the nonprofit charitable organization.

D. A bingo game shall be operated and staffed only by members of the nonprofit charitable organization which organized it. Such members shall not receive a profit, wage, or salary from any bingo game. Only the organization authorized to conduct a bingo game shall operate such game or participate in the promotion, supervision, or any other phase of such game.

E. No individual corporation, partnership, or other legal entity except the organization authorized to conduct a bingo game shall hold a financial interest in the conduct of such bingo game.

F. All profits derived from a bingo game shall be kept in a special fund or account and shall not be commingled with any other fund or account.

G. The total value of prizes awarded during the conduct of any bingo games shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars in cash or kind, or both, for each separate game which is held. Where prizes are in kind, the value of such prizes shall be the retail market value, unless such prizes are purchased from a member of the organization sponsoring the bingo game, in which case the value shall be the cost of the items to the member. A sponsoring organization shall keep accurate records, including invoices showing cost, of any items purchased to be given as prizes, and such records shall be made available upon demand to the city clerk.

H. No person shall be allowed to participate in a bingo game unless the person is physically present at the time and place in which the bingo game is being conducted.

I. No alcoholic beverages shall be served, consumed, or possessed in any area where bingo is being played. "Area" is defined as any room or portion of a building where bingo players are physically present and playing bingo.

