

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

4 IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 5, CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON CODE OF
5 ORDINANCES, 2005, ENTITLED 'BINGO GAMES'

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Jessica M. Marino, Council President

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Kenneth J. Hopkins, Mayor

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22 *It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:*

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24 **Section 1. Chapter 5.20 BINGO GAMES** is hereby **Repealed** in its entirety:

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26 [language to be deleted should be struck through]

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28 **Chapter 5.20 BINGO GAMES**

29 **Sections:**

30 **~~5.20.010 Licenses required—Application—Affidavit.~~**

31 Any religious, charitable, fraternal, civic, educational or veterans' organization, desirous of conducting the game
32 commonly called "bingo" or any similar game, shall first obtain a license therefor from the committee on police, and to
33 that end shall make application in writing for such license to the chief of police. Each application must be accompanied
34 by an affidavit from the authorized president or other legal head of the applicant, stating that such "bingo" game or
35 similar game is to be conducted under the direction of its own members serving without any remuneration, that no
36 prize of greater retail value than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be offered or awarded, that no cash shall be
37 offered or awarded as a prize or paid to redeem any prize that may be awarded, and that the entire proceeds of the
38 charges for admission to and participation in such game, after deducting expenses for heat, light, prizes and
39 equipment and other reasonable expenses, shall be applied solely to the purposes of such organization and that under
40 no circumstances shall there be any expense deducted for the promotion of such game by any person acting in the
41 capacity of the promoter of such game.

42 A processing fee in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00), payable to the Cranston police department, shall be paid
43 for each application submitted in accordance with this section.

44 {Prior code § 16-10}

45 **5.20.020 Recommendation of chief of police as to issuance of license.**

46 If the chief of police is satisfied of the eligibility of the applicant to receive a license as referred to in Section
47 5.20.010, he or she shall recommend in writing to the committee on police the issuance of a license for the date or
48 dates specified in such application.

49 {Prior code § 16-11}

50 **5.20.030 Separate licenses for specific dates—Contents of license.**

51 One application under the provisions of Section 5.20.020 may include several or sundry dates for subsequent
52 use, but a separate license shall be required for each specific date so selected by the applicant. Each license shall set
53 forth the name of the licensee, the date on which such game is to be conducted and the place thereof and shall bear
54 the signature of the city clerk.

55 {Prior code § 16-12}

56 **5.20.040 Issuance of license—Fee.**

57 The city clerk shall issue such license after receiving the recommendations of the chief of police and the
58 committee on safety services and licenses, and upon payment to him or her by the applicant of the appropriate fee for
59 each such license as follows:

60 **Fee Schedule**

Annual Gross Income	Fee
\$10,000.00 or less	None
In excess of \$10,000.00	\$40.00

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62 The affidavit submitted with each application as set forth in Section 5.20.010 shall also indicate that the gross
63 income is either:

64 A. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less; or

65 B. In excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

66 Accurate records of all such fees received shall be kept by the city clerk, and he or she shall pay the same to the
67 city treasurer at least once each week and receive from the city treasurer receipts therefor.

68 {Prior code § 16-13}

69 **5.20.050 Books of record to be kept by licensee—Inspection.**

70 All bingo, etc., licensees shall keep in books or suitable records, accurate accounts setting forth the gross income
71 under the operation of each specific license received from admission fees or other sources, the fair retail value of the
72 prizes awarded, and all other proper and reasonable expenses, setting forth the net result in profit or loss from

73 operations under each license, and showing the place of disposition or retention of such funds. These books or records
74 shall be available for examination at all times by the chief of police or his or her authorized agent on demand.

75 {Prior code § 16-14}

76 ~~5.20.060 Withholding of recommendation of issuance for violations.~~

77 Violation by any licensee of Sections 5.20.010 through 5.20.050, or of any provision contained in the General
78 Laws, may be deemed sufficient cause by the chief of police to withhold his or her recommendation for the issuance
79 of further licenses to such licensee.

80 {Prior code § 16-15}

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82 **Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

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85 Positive Endorsement: Negative Endorsement: (Attach reasons)

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89 City Solicitor Date City Solicitor Date

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92 Sponsored by Councilwoman Haroian
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94 Referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025

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