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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Dear Ohio Bingo License Holder:

You may have heard that the governor recently approved changes to Ohio's bingo law, which become effective on September 10, 2010. These changes will be spelled out in more detail in a separate letter you will receive within the next several weeks. This letter is intended to address items that may have a more immediate impact on your bingo operation.

Recent changes to the law that you may want to take advantage of prior to the 2011 bingo year include the following:

- Bingo license holders may receive a license for up to 3 bingo sessions in a seven-day period;
- Prize payout has been raised to a maximum of \$6,000 per session;
- A charitable organization licensed to conduct instant bingo may purchase, lease or use an instant bingo ticket dispenser for the sale of instant bingo tickets or cards.

Please remember that these changes do not take effect until September 10, 2010.

If your organization is considering an increase in the number of sessions conducted per week, please complete the following five manual steps;

1. Complete the 2010 Attachment A (attached);
2. Complete a new Part E – Verification and Attestation by the Principal Person (attached);
3. Prepare a check from the bingo account for the required license amendment fee of \$250.00, made payable to 'Treasurer, State of Ohio;'
4. If applicable, update your lease agreement;
5. Submit the items above to the Ohio Lottery, Office of Charitable Gaming, 615 W. Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113-1879.

Please note that your organization will not be able to increase the number of sessions conducted per week until you receive your updated bingo license and amended licenses will not be effective prior to September 10, 2010. In order to receive your new license as quickly as possible, we ask that you submit this amendment package in a complete manner and as soon as possible to allow for the necessary administrative review time.

For those wishing to review all bingo law changes, please visit <http://www.ohiochamber.com/mx/hm.asp?id=home&t=emz/emzbills2&p1=2167> and click on *Bill Text* link.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to address these many changes to Ohio's bingo laws, all of which were intended to improve bingo operations.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Ohio Lottery (1-800-686-4208, ext. 4) should there be questions about this amendment process, or our office (1-800-282-0515) with questions regarding the changes to the bingo law.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "P" and "T".

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2010 ATTACHMENT A – TYPE I and TYPE II BINGO LOCATION

Every Applicant seeking a Type I bingo license or a Type I and Type II bingo license must complete this form.

Name of Applicant/Charitable Organization: _____

Part A – Type I License – Traditional Bingo

Effective September 10, 2010, Traditional bingo may be conducted for a maximum of three sessions per seven day period and for not more than five hours per session.

- 1. Provide the day(s) of the week and hours that Applicant seeks to conduct its Traditional Bingo session(s). Each session must start after 10:00 a.m. and conclude by midnight (12:00 a.m.). **If applicant is requesting a festival license only, do not complete #1 and proceed to #2.**

Day 1: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day 2: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day 3: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

(Note: an organization will not be licensed for a 3rd day until on or after September 10, 2010)

- 2. **Festival/Event** - Is the Applicant applying for a festival license, or any other event that will last for fewer than four weeks (examples; fish fry, basket bingo, etc.)? If so, specify the **exact day(s), date(s) and time(s)** for these bingo sessions (Please use Attachment F if needed):

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

- 3. Provide the street address* of the Premises where Applicant will conduct the bingo sessions:

Street Address* _____

City, State, Zip Code

County

Telephone Number

Business Name and any dba's for the Premises where Instant Bingo will be conducted on behalf of the Applicant

* The Premises listed must be in the same County as Applicant's principal place of business.

Part A – Type I License – Traditional Bingo (Continued)

- 4. Is a liquor permit issued for any part of the Premises where Applicant will conduct bingo? Yes No
If yes, provide the permit number.

Permit Number

- 5. Are the Premises used by more than one organization for the purpose of conducting bingo? Yes No
If yes, provide the name(s) of the other organization(s).

Name(s)

- 6. Does the Applicant own or lease the Premises (check one)? If Premises are leased, please complete Part D of this Attachment.

Part B – Type II License – Instant Bingo conducted at the Traditional Bingo Session

Type II Instant Bingo may be conducted during the licensed hours for Traditional Bingo (see Part A, Question 1) and for a maximum of two hours before and two hours thereafter. If the Traditional Bingo Session (Type I) begins at 10:00 a.m., Type II Instant Bingo may start no earlier than 9:00 a.m. In all other situations, Type II Instant Bingo must start after 10:00 a.m. and conclude by midnight (12:00 a.m.). A 501(c)(4) organization that is not a Veterans organization cannot conduct Type II Instant Bingo (refer to Applicant’s response to the Bingo Application Part C, Question 1 for the organization type indicated).

Provide the hours that Instant Bingo will be conducted on the day(s) listed in Part A, Question 1.

Day 1: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day 2: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day 3: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

(Note: an organization will not be licensed for a 3rd day until on or after September 10, 2010)

Festival/Event - Is the Applicant applying for a festival license, or any other event that will last for four weeks or less (examples; fish fry, basket bingo, etc.)? If so, specify the **exact day(s), date(s) and time(s)** for these bingo sessions (Please use Attachment F if needed):

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Day: _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____ .m. to _____ .m.

Part C – Distributors, Supplies and Equipment

- 1. Provide the legal name, address, and license number of the Distributor(s) that Applicant purchased or leased bingo supplies from in 2009. Initial applicants should indicate the Distributors the Applicant will purchase or lease bingo supplies from in 2010.

Legal Name

Address

License Number

Part C – Distributors, Supplies and Equipment (Continued)

2. Will the *equipment* (other than the bingo supplies, as described in question 1 above) used to conduct bingo be owned or leased by the Applicant? Owned Leased If the equipment will be leased, list the name of the charitable organization that is the lessor, the license number of that organization, and the rental amount.

<u>Legal Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Equipment Rental Amount per Session</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Part D – Leased Property

If Type I or Type I / II bingo sessions will be conducted at Premises that are **leased**, please complete this part of the Application.

1. Provide the following information for the Lessor (or Property Owner):

Name: _____
Full Legal Name of Lessor (if an individual, use Last, First, MI)

Business Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

County Daytime Telephone No.

2. If the Lessor is not the owner of the property, please provide the property owner's information.

Name: _____
Full Legal Name of Lessor (if an individual, use Last, First, MI)

Business Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

County Daytime Telephone No.

Is the property owner or lessor a corporation, partnership, or association? Yes No

3. Rental Amount to be paid according to the lease agreement: \$_____ per session. (Enter -0- if no charge.)

Part D – Leased Property (Continued)

4. Is the Lessor a "charitable organization" as defined in Section 2915.01(H) of the Ohio Revised Code?
 Yes No
5. Is any individual identified in Attachment C or any security personnel a current or past agent, employee, servant, shareholder, partner, or owner of, or otherwise associated with the Owner or Lessor of the Leased Premises?
 Yes No

If yes, provide each individual's name and describe his or her relationship with the Owner or Lessor of the Leased Premises.

Name

Relationship

Part E – Verification and Attestation by the Principal Person

Acknowledgement Clause

State of Ohio :
: SS.
County of _____ :

Print or Type the Name of Applicant/Charitable Organization

By signing this application I affirm or swear as follows:

I am the principal person of Applicant/Organization responsible for submitting this Application and all applicable Attachments.

I am the person who has the overall responsibility for the operation and control of the organization or I am the highest elected official in this organization.

I am familiar with and have actual knowledge of the facts underlying this Application and I know that Applicant has been in continuous existence as a charitable organization as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 2915.01(H).

I am fully authorized to submit this Application on behalf of Applicant identified herein; and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in this Application and its Attachments are true and accurate. Further, these documents are originals or true and accurate copies of the originals.

I understand that making of false statements in this Application constitutes grounds for denying this application for a bingo license.

I acknowledge that I am aware that Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(A) entitled *Falsification* provides that no person shall knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made when the statement is made for the purpose of securing the issuance of a license, permit, authorization, certificate, registration, release, or provider agreement by a governmental agency.

I acknowledge that I am aware that Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(E) entitled *Penalty* provides that whoever violates R.C. Section 2921.13 is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Signature of Principal Person Printed Name of Principal Person Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 201__ by the above named person who acknowledged voluntary signature of this Application for a 2010 Charitable Bingo License.

Notary Public

Seal or Notary Stamp

Commission Expiration Date: _____