



Devens Enterprise Commission Charitable Games Policy 2014 (updated 2022)

The Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC) issues permits for charitable games including, Casino Nights (Bazaars), and Raffles that are planned/proposed within the Regional Enterprise Zone (DREZ). **Such permits are only issued for non-profit organizations.** Such organizations shall have been organized and actively functioning as a nonprofit organization in the commonwealth for a period of not less than two years before it may apply for a permit (MGL c. 271 section 7A). Organizations wishing to hold Bingo (Beano) events in the DREZ must obtain a license from the **Charitable Gaming Division of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission** (781-849-5555) prior to the event.

Prior to holding a Casino Night (Bazaar) and/or Raffle within the DREZ, organizations must complete a Level 1 Raffle and Bazaar Application (attached) and receive approval from the DEC. The Application must also include a copy of the organization's Certificate of Solicitation: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/overview-of-solicitation>. If there is an event associated with the raffle/lottery, you may be required to also obtain an **Event Permit** from the DEC in accordance with [974 CMR 8.05](#) of the Devens Enterprise Commission Rules and Regulations.

Prior to approval of a Casino Night (Bazaar) and/or Raffle, the DEC will review the application with the State Police and Devens Public Safety Officer. Any requirements of the State Police and/or Devens Public Safety Officer will be made a condition of the permit. Failure to comply with any permit requirements is grounds for the DEC revoking the Raffle and Bazaar Permit.

The Level 1 Raffle and Bazaar Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. An unlimited number of raffles, but only three bazaars (casino nights) may be held within the duration of the permit. The DEC will provide a copy of the permit to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Charitable Gaming Division (60 Columbian Street, Braintree, MA 02184). Within thirty days of the expiration of its permit, the organization shall submit a report to the DEC summarizing the number of raffles and bazaars held, the amount of money received, the expenses connected with the raffle or bazaar, the names of the winners of prizes exceeding twenty-five dollars in value, the net proceeds of the raffles and bazaars, and the uses to which the net proceeds were applied. Such report shall be certified to by the three persons designated in the permit application as being responsible for such raffle or bazaar and by an accountant. Two copies of said report shall be filed with the DEC. The DEC will send one copy to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Lottery Commission. Failure to file said report shall constitute sufficient grounds for refusal to renew a permit to conduct raffles or bazaars.

Permit holders are responsible for full compliance with MA Charitable gaming policies and laws in Chapter 271, Section 7A. Please note there are additional regulations in 940 CMR 12 for raffles in which the value of prizes exceeds \$10,000 or in which the ticket price exceeds \$10.00. Bazaars (casino nights) are also governed by 940 CMR 13. Full details are available at: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/guidance-on-raffles>.

Should you have any questions regarding local permitting, please contact the **DEC offices** (978.772.8831). For any questions pertaining to the Bingo laws or other Charitable Gaming policies, please contact the **MA State Lottery Commission** (781-849-5555).

DEVENS ENTERPRISE COMMISSION

33 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434

Phone: 978-772-8831 Fax: 978-772-1529

DEC NO. : _____

DATE: _____

FEE: **\$10.00**

RAFFLE & BAZAAR PERMIT APPLICATION

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Name of Non-Profit Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Office Phone # _____ Mobile Phone # _____

Fax # _____ Email Address _____

Evidence of Qualification for Permit (circle one):

- a) Veterans' organization chartered by the Congress of the United States or included in clause (12) of section five of chapter forty of the General Laws; or,
b) Church or religious organization; or,
c) Fraternal or fraternal benefit society; or,
d) Educational or charitable organization; or,
e) Civic or service club or organization; or,
f) Club or organization organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes, no part of the net earnings will benefit any member or shareholder.

Officers or members of organization responsible for operation of raffle or bazaar:

Name Address

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

Copy of Organization's Certificate of Solicitation provided

Description of Raffle (including date of event/drawing, time, location, duration) _____

Uses to which proceeds will be applied: _____

Signature of authorized Officer or member of organization: _____

For Office Use Only

Application certified to be in conformity with Chapter 271 Section 7A:

Director/ Land Use Administrator

The Applicant (is) (is not) qualified to operate raffles and bazaars under the provision of Chapter 271, Section 7A

Permit (Issued) (Denied)

Devens Public Safety Officer

Date

Date