



## Town of Merrimack, NH

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### RAFFLE PERMIT

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a charitable organization under the definition provided in RSA 287-A:1??

Yes ☐

No ☐

Applicant/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Location of Raffle: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Raffle: \_\_\_\_\_

*This permit is granted subject to the provisions and restrictions of local and state laws. It is granted subject to the surveillance of the Police, and is issued and accepted without redress.*

*This permit shall expire at the time of the drawing and shall not be transferable and may be revoked by the Merrimack Town Council at its discretion. No fee is required for this permit.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager/Designee Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TITLE XXIV  
GAMES, AMUSEMENTS, AND ATHLETIC  
EXHIBITIONS  
CHAPTER 287-A  
RAFFLES**

**General Provisions**

**Section 287-A:1**

**287-A:1 Definitions.** – As used in this chapter:

I. "Raffle" means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

II. "Charitable organization" means the following:

(a) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended; or

(b) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or political committee or political party which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

III. "50/50 raffle" means a raffle conducted by a charitable organization whereby moneys collected by sale of raffle tickets are split evenly between the prize winner or winners and the charitable organization after the raffle drawing.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1. 1973, 270:1, eff. Aug. 21, 1973. 1999, 306:1, eff. Sept. 14, 1999. 2000, 115:1, eff. July 7, 2000.

**Section 287-A:2**

**287-A:2 Raffle Authorized.** – A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it

was organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

**Section 287-A:3**

**287-A:3 Printed Tickets.** – All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

**Section 287-A:4**

**287-A:4 Distribution of Tickets.** – Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than the members of the charitable organization or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

**Section 287-A:5**

**287-A:5 Agency Not Permitted.** – No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

**Section 287-A:6**

**287-A:6 Effect on Other Laws.** – RSA 647 shall not apply to the sale of raffle tickets in the manner provided for in this chapter.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1. 1973, 40:4, eff. Nov. 1, 1973.

**Section 287-A:7**

**287-A:7 Permit Required.** – Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall first obtain a permit therefor from the selectmen of the town, or the mayor and aldermen of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be

held. The permit shall expire at the time of the drawing,  
and shall not be transferable.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

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## **Raffles Held in Conjunction With Bingo Games**

### **Section 287-A:8**

#### **287-A:8 Tickets; Distribution. –**

I. All raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be numbered sequentially.

II. No ticket or multiple tickets shall be sold for more than \$1.

III. Notwithstanding RSA 287-A:4, raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be sold only by members of a charitable organization licensed by the racing and charitable gaming commission to conduct bingo and only at bingo games being operated by the charitable organization.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985. 2004, 97:8, eff. July 10, 2004; 257:9, eff. Jan. 1, 2005. 2008, 25:1, eff. July 11, 2008.

### **Section 287-A:9**

**287-A:9 Players. –** Raffles held in conjunction with bingo games shall be held only at bingo games having a hall capacity of 300 persons or less as designated by the assembly permit.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985.

### **Section 287-A:10**

**287-A:10 Prizes. –** Prizes awarded at any raffle held in conjunction with a bingo game shall not exceed \$500 wholesale cost.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1. 1991, 276:3, eff. June 10, 1991.

### **Section 287-A:11**

**287-A:11 Permit Not Required. –** The provisions of RSA 287-A:7 shall not apply to raffles held in conjunction with bingo games.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985.