

Chapter 5.20 BINGO

5.20.010 Authorized Organizations.

Organizations exempted from the payment of the bank and corporation tax by section 23701(d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code and a contribution or gift to which would be a charitable contribution under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, may hold bingo games under the conditions set forth in this chapter. (Prior code §7901(part))

5.20.020 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 on a card which conform to numbers or symbols selected at random. (Prior code §7901(m))

5.20.030 License Required.

An annual license must be first obtained from the county tax collector for a fee set from time to time by the county board of supervisors. (Prior code §7901(a))

5.20.040 Individual Profit Prohibited.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to receive a profit, wage or salary from any bingo game authorized by section 19 of article IV of the state Constitution. (Prior code §7901 (b))

5.20.050 Penalty for Violation of Section 5.20.040.

A violation of section 5.20.040 shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which fine shall be deposited in the general fund of the county, which enacted the ordinance authorizing the bingo game. (Prior code §7901(c))

5.20.060 Enjoining Violation.

The county may bring an action to enjoin a violation of this chapter. (Prior code §7901 (d))

5.20.070 Minor Participation Prohibited.

No minors shall be allowed to participate in any bingo game. (Prior code §7901(e))

5.20.080 Property to be Used.

A nonprofit, charitable organization shall conduct a bingo game only on property owned or leased by it and which property is used by the organization for an office or for performance of the purposes for which the organization is organized. (Prior code §7901 (f))

5.20.090 Open to Public.

All bingo games shall be open to the public. (Prior codes §7901(g))

5.20.100 Operation.

A bingo game shall be operated and staffed only by members of the nonprofit charitable organization which organized it. The members shall not receive a profit, wage or salary from any bingo game. Only the organization authorized to conduct a bingo game shall operate the game or participate in the promotion, supervision or any other phase of the game. (Prior code §7901(h))

5.20.110 Financial Interest Restricted.

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 the bingo game. (Prior code §7901(i))

5.20.120 Accounting.

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. (Prior code §7901(j))

5.20.130 Physical Presence to Participate.

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. (Prior code §7901(k))

5.20.140 Amount of Prizes.

The total value of prizes awarded during the conduct of any bingo games shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in cash or kind or both for each separate game which is held. (Prior code §7901 (l))