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RAFFLES

1. **DEFINITIONS.** Whenever used in this Chapter, the word "Act" shall mean "An Act to provide for licensing and regulating certain games of chance and amending certain Acts herein named", Public Act 81-1365, as amended. Words and phrases used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act, unless the context clearly indicates some other meaning is intended. The word "organization" shall be construed to include an auxiliary or affiliate of a licensee.

2. **ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.** The Finance Department shall have the authority to issue licenses for raffles, as defined in the Act, subject to the limitations stated in Section 3 hereof.

(AMENDED, Ordinance No. 89-42, May 1, 1989)

3. **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** Licenses for raffles shall be issued only to bona fide religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational or veteran's organizations which are located within the corporate limits of the City of Decatur and which operate without profit to their members and which have been in existence continuously for a period of five years immediately before applying for such license and have had during said period a bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objects, or to a non-profit fundraising organization that the City Manager determines is organized for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance to an identified individual or group of individuals suffering extreme financial hardship as the

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result of an illness, disability, accident or disaster. Application shall be made in writing, no fewer than ten days before the intended sale of raffle chances, on forms provided by the Finance Department. Each application shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the area in which the raffle chances will be sold or issued, the time and manner and location of determining the winning chances, and such other information as the Department may require. Each application must contain a sworn statement attesting to the not-for-profit character of the applicant, signed by its presiding officer and secretary.

(AMENDED, Ordinance No. 89-42, May 1, 1989)

4. **FEE.** Each raffle, other than those authorized by an annual license, shall be authorized by a separate license. Annual licenses may be issued for a specified number of raffles to be conducted during a specified period not to exceed one year. All raffles shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 4, 5 and 6, inclusive, of the Act. The license fee, for other than annual licenses, payment of which shall accompany the application, shall be \$25.00 for the first \$1,000 of prize value or part thereof and \$10.00 for each additional \$1,000 of prize value up to \$10,000 with a maximum fee of \$115.00. The fee for an annual license shall be \$115.00. Licenses shall be valid for the duration of the licensed contest or contests.

5. **RAFFLE TICKETS.** Each raffle ticket, chance or other raffle token, for other than annual licenses, shall state on its face, the name and address of the licensee, the date or dates of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to any raffle in which prizes in aggregate value under \$50.00 are awarded. Such tickets, chances or other tokens sold under the authority of an annual license shall state the name and address of the licensee on the faces thereof. No such ticket, chance or token, other than for

an annual license, shall be sold or issued more than 364 days before the determination of the winning chance or chances.

6. **PRIZES.** The maximum cash prize awarded in any raffle shall be \$100,000; the maximum retail value of a non-cash prize awarded in any raffle shall be \$200,000. The aggregate value of all prizes awarded in any raffle shall not exceed \$300,000. The maximum fee for any chance shall be \$1,000.00; all such fees shall be paid in currency or by check.

7. **RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The City Manager is authorized and directed to cause to be promulgated rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Chapter or the Act governing the conduct of raffles hereunder.

8. **BOND.** The amount of the surety bond required by the Act shall be an amount equal to double the total value of the prize or prizes to be awarded.

(AMENDED, Ordinance No. 2009-39, May 18, 2009)